

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #86
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Annals March 1802

The inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury, assembled in Town Meeting, March 8th 1802, for the purpose of choosing all Town Officers required by law to be chosen in March or April. They proceeded to business in the following manner (viz) - Chose James Washburn

Noted to dispense with reading a list of Veterans to Chuse the Town Clerk by nomination. Cyrus being nominated was accordingly chosen Town Clerk.

Then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen for the ensuing year by written ballot.

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M^r Samuel Tucker,
Lieut. John Tinkham,
Capt. John Norton,
Major Peter Hoar, &
M^r Luke Reed

Then Noted that the Selectmen be the officers for the ensuing year.

Noted, & Chose M^r George Norton, Town

At said Meeting, the following persons were Chosen as Constables.

Joshua Eddy Jr. James Sprout, Pely Washett
Reed, Luther Washburn, Capt. James Wood
Green, Capt. William Potter, Benajah
Accepted of Capt. Joshua Eddy, as Constable in
Joshua Eddy Jr. Accepted of Capt. William
as Constable in the room of Pely Washett.

At said Meeting, the following persons were

Surveyors of highways

John Miller Jun^r Samuel Washburn

Annual March Meeting for 1802

Surveys of highways continued—
 Joshua Freeman, Linas Smith, Oliver Perry, Samuel
 Hunt, John Vaughan, Consider Woodland, Mr. Morrissey
 Elias Thomas, Henry Thomas, Beniah Wilder
 Major Haas, Daniel Wood, James Washburn,
 Barnabas Clarke, Col. Washburn, Azel Perkins
 Jonathan Harlow. Capt. William Browne
 Voted to choose Inspectors of the Aluivies & to pay
 for their services—

Capt. Joseph Richmond } Inspectors of
 Mr. Samuel Miller } Aluivies for
 Capt. John Morton & } Robinsons bridge
 Mr. Lem. Briggs }

Where Ebenezer Wilder & Lewis Finney, Inspectors, for
 the Stilling Mill—
 Samuel Leonard, Gorham Wood, James Littlejohn, Inspectors
 for the New Works & Old Stone Ware
 Mr. Gorham Foster, chosen Inspector of Aluivies for
 Appawamsit brook—

Job Alden, Lephaniah Shaw, Daniel White, Collier
 Pratt, Inspectors of Aluivies for Pratts dam—

Noted that it be left discretionary any way
 the inspectors at Pratts dam, what time to inspect, &
 that time not to inspect—

at said Meeting,
 Voted to set off George Peirce, from the M. C. C.
 school district, & annex him to the Canady
 school district in said Town—

At said Meeting, Voted & made choice
 of James Washburn, Agent for & in behalfe
 of Town, to dispose of the Aluivies at
 greatly to a later Law of this Commune
 Adjourn'd said Meeting, to March

Fall Meeting for 1801 by adjournment

The Fall Meeting for 1801. Spring take up on this day
 by adjournment, & the following business done— viz—
 Capt. John Morton, Modr—

at said Meeting, Voted to reconsider a former vote
 relative to taking the Aluivies by Agents—

Noted to give men shillings to the Agents for taking
 said fish, for every 24 hours they shall actually be emp-
 loyed in said business— Reconsidered a former vote with
 regard to the Agents being chosen by written ballot—
 Voted to choose said Agents by nomination—

Mr. Carl Sears was chosen Agent to take the fish at
 the Stilling mill, & Mr. Abner Barrows Agent to
 take said fish at the Old Stone ware—

Reconsidered a former vote to take fish
 by Agents, as far as it respects the fish at Appawamsit
 brook, & Voted to sell said privilege at public Vendue,
 as usual— Capt. Nathl. Wilder Jr being chosen Vendue
 Master, exposed the privilege of taking said Aluivies for
 the present year at said Appawamsit brook, to sale in
 Town Meeting— Mr. Gamaliel Rounsvell, being the
 highest bidder, said Vendue Master declared said fish
 to be sold to him the said Rounsvell, for ninety nine
 Dollars— B. 99 =

Accepted of James Washburn, & Lieut. Daniel Donham, as
 bondsmen to the said Rounsvell, for the payment of
 the said sum of ninety nine Dollars—

Then Voted to dissolve the Meeting—

Attest your Faith J. W. Wilder

1802

Annual March Meeting by adjournment

Apr. 5. The Annual March Meeting, for 1802, being continued by adjournment, to this day was taken up, & the following business done - James Washburn Mod. Excused Capt. Wm. Porter from serving Constable & chose Capt. Jonathan Shaw - Excused Seth Olsen from serving Constable & chose William Canady. Recommended - At said Meeting, Voted to raise the sum of two thousand Dollars on the polls & estates of the inhabitants of said Town the ensuing year, for the purpose amending & repairing the highways & bridges in said Town, the ensuing year - Notable Estates to be taken in from the first day of May next, bills committed to the overseers as soon as possible - Voted the wages of Labour as usual - Provided, & Voted that those persons that do not work out their highway tax by the first day of July next, shall be allowed only 50 cents per day, & other Labour with Oren &c. in the same proportion after the said first day of July next.

Voted that Col. Washburn, & Daniel Miller, Surveyors of highways at Olivers Works, be directed to purchase timber standing sufficient to repair the bridge at said Works, & that they draw money out of the Town treasury to pay the same & are requested to proceed immediately on said repairs. - At said Meeting, the following Gentlemen were chosen Assessors, & Field Drivers - viz - Capt. Joshua Eddy, Eben. Cox, Capt. John Smith, Henry Strobridge, Silvanus Tillson, Major Peter H. - Capt. Joseph Clark, Elisha Rider, Jonathan Wood, Elijah Eaton.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Isaac Wood, Capt. William Thomson, John Perkins, Jedidiah Miller, Capt. Elisha Clarke, Capt. Joshua Eddy, Calvin Pratt.

1802

Annual March Meeting by adjournment

Apr. 5.

brought Over.

At said Meeting, Voted to chuse a Committee to receive & examine & allow accounts against the Town, agreeable to the former plan, excepting said Committee, are directed to meet every three months instead of meeting once in six months - Then Voted & chose

Hon Isaac Thomson Esq.

Capt. Joshua Eddy,

Capt. John Carver,

Capt. George Vaughan,

Capt. James Pierce,

Mr. George Norton,

S. Stepheniah Shaw

Mr. James Washburn, &

Mr. Dean Briggs -

Committee

on

Accounts.

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to the last Monday in April instant at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Cyrus Keith Town Clerk

1802

Governors Meeting

Apr. 5. The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being legally assembled in Town Meeting, April 5th 1802, for the purpose of giving in votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, & Senators, &c.

Caleb Strong Esq. had 100 votes

Urbidge Gerry Esq. had 160 for

Nash Strong had 1 Governor

Wm. Heath Esq. had 102 votes

for Lieut. Gov. - Wm. Heath Esq. had 84 for 2nd

Urbidge Gerry Esq. had 1 Gov.

Hon Isaac Thomson Esq. had 84 votes for

Senators - Ezra Hayward Esq. had 76

Daniel Shaw Esq. had 126

Henry Warren Esq. had 126

Nathaniel Mitchell had 8

at Robert Esq. had 1

Ephraim Spencer Esq. had 100 votes for County Treasurer.

Apr. 26.

1802.

Annual March Meeting, by adj^t

The inhabitants being legally assembled in Town Meeting on the 26th of April 1802, by adjournment, the following business was done - James Washburn Moderator

Noted a chose W^m Canady, Jr. Noah Clarke, Deane Migg, Caleb Thomson, Nathan Eaton - Peter Foster, Elias Wood, Eben Briggs 2^d - Lewis Cobb - W^m Pierce, Ellis Barlow Rogreaves for the ensuing year

Noted a chose Samuel Leonard, John Mardock, and Mr. Noah Clarke, Overseers

At said Meeting, Noted to chose a Committee, to settle Accounts between the Town & Town Treasurer. And to report a state of the Treasury. Col^l. Abel Washburn the

Nehem^l. Bennett Esq^r - Wilkes Wood Esq^r - Committee

Then Noted to hire the Public Money Collected, & to give 4th in the pound for collecting

At said Meeting Noted that Wilkes Wood Esq^r draw out of the Town Treasury twenty Dollars, for the purpose of settling an indictment, for a bad bridge at Oliver Woods (weald) he to be accountable to the Town for the expenditure of the same.

Made choice of Moses Parris, Constable, then excused him and chose Asa Winslow.

Noted to adjourn the Meeting to May 6th next & to be held at 6 O'clock P.M. at the Town house.

Attest: Cyrus Keith, Town Clerk.

1802.

Annual March Meeting, by adj^t

May 6th The inhabitants of Midd^s being legally assembled in Town Meeting May 6th 1802. by adjournment, James Washburn Moderator

Noted that Swine have Liberty to run at large rings & yoked according to Law - & Voted that neat Cattle shall not run at large the ensuing season.

At said Meeting, excused Asa Winslow from serving Constable, & chose Bailey Reed.

adjourned to Fall Meeting 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest: Cyrus Keith Town Clerk

1802

Representative to the General Court

May 6th The notable inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being legally assembled in Town Meeting, May 6th 1802, for the Choice of a Representative to the General Court. The Town made Choice of Lieut. John Tinkham.

Attest: Cyrus Keith, Town Clerk.

1802.

Town Meeting, held May 24th 1802.

May 24th At a Legal Meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Middleborough, held May 24th 1802. Capt. William Thomson, was Chosen Moderator.

At said Meeting, Noted to oppose the Town of Raynham, in obtaining a fishing place at Robinsons bridge. Voted not to chose an Agent to oppose the said Petition. And Voted to chose a Committee of three to draw up instructions for the Representative to oppose the said Petition.

Col^l. Abel Washburn,

Wilkes Wood, Esq^r

Thomas Weston

Capt. John Morton

Capt. W^m Thomson

W^m Samuel Tucker.

Excused Col^l. Washburn from serving on the Committee & added the three last. Noted that the above Committee, be requested to draw up said Instructions & forward them to the Representative at Boston, previous to the first Tuesday of the next Session of the Genl. Court.

At said Meeting - Voted that the Agents for taking fish at the Milling Mill & Old Stone Dore, be requested to make the best of said fish, in taking them in going up or down stream, to the best advantage of the Town - Disposed May 24th 1802.

Attest: Cyrus Keith Town Clerk

1802.

May 6th. At a Legal Town Meeting held May 6th 1802.
Lieut. John Tinkham was chosen Moderator.
Voted to chuse an Agent, to prosecute all breaches
of the fifth Law, but it is left discretionary with
said Agent, either to prosecute or settle with those
persons that shall be guilty of any breaches of said
Law, as he the said Agent shall think best for the
Town. Voted & made choice of Capt. William Thomas
the Agent.

Voted that the several surveyors of
highways for the present year, be empowered &
directed to draw out of the Town treasury, all
monies ascribed & paid into said treasury by any
delinquents in the last year highway tax, in their
respective districts, & to expend the same in
repairing the highways & bridges in their
respective districts the present season.

Voted that the Town treasurer be
directed to settle all accounts with any persons
or Agents of said Town, that have received any
of the Towns money, & have not yet accounted
with the Town for the expenditure of the same.

Voted that the Committee on Aud.
be directed to exhibit to the Town at the next
Annual March Meeting, a correct list of all
monies by them allowed, & to whom allowed.

Voted to indemnify the Select
men in their proceedings with the Boston
respecting the prosecutions commenced against
them for recovery of damages in improving
said Boston house for a small pox hospital.

Voted & directed the Town treasurer
to discharge the due N. Bedford vs. Middleborough
& voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay N.
Bedford, or their Agent, interest on said debt.

1802

May 6th.

Town Meeting, May 6, 1802.

brought over
from this time, providing said Agent will postpone
their demand until the next Supreme Court,
in October, providing said N. Bedford should
finally recover against said Middleborough.

Nehemiah Pannet Dy & Mr. James Washburn
agents in behalf of said Town of Middleboro, to recover
back from N. Bedford the amount of said debt it
being for the support of Isaac Woods family.

Voted that the Selectmen be
directed to call on those persons that had the small
pox in the Boston house, for immediate settlement
for the expenses attending their having the small pox
in said house.

Then Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

Attest: Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

1802

June 14th.

Town Meeting, for Jurymen.

At a Legal Town Meeting of the qualified Voters of the
Town of Middleboro, at the Town-house in said Town,
June 14th 1802. Voted & made choice of Wilkes Wood
Esq. Clerk for the meeting, (the Town Clerk being absent.)

Voted to proceed & draw the Jurors for the next
Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Plymouth on
the 4th Tuesday of June instant, when the following men's
names were draw for the Grand Jury viz,

Eleazer Poriggs 2^d & Andrew Cole.

for Petit Jurors.

Capt. Ezra Hartow, Capt. Joseph Clarke, & Mr.
Nathaniel Macomber. — in presence of the Selectmen.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 15th June inst.
& to be held at the Town-house at 2 O'clock P.M. —

Attest: Wilkes Wood, Cler. Pro Tem.

1802 Town Meeting held June 28th 1802.

June 28th At a meeting of the Legal Voters of the Town of Middleborough, June 28th 1802.

1 Voted & made choice of Capt. John Morton Mod.

At said meeting, Voted that Wilbur Wood Esq. formerly chosen Agent by said Town, to oppose the Laying out of a Road agreeable to the Petition of Capt. Joshua Eddy, & others: be continued in his Agency, and in behalf of said Town, to appear at the next Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plymouth in

August next, to shew cause why said Road should not be established. Then Voted to chuse one other Agent, for the purpose above, & made choice of Mr. Samuel Tucker.

Then Voted to adjourn said meeting to the Annual fall Meeting, & to be held at 2 O'clock P.M. ... Capt. Cyrus Smith Teller.

1802 Juryemen for August Court.

July 29th At a Town Meeting held at the Town-house in Middleboro: on the 29th of July 1802, for the purpose of drawing Jurymen for August Court. The following persons were draw

as the Law directs to serve as Jurors, at the said Court. viz-

Eliaser Thomas Junr, Elijah Shaw, & Thomas Long.

1802. Annual March Meeting for 1802

Sept. 15th The Annual March Meeting for 1802, was taken up by adjournment, Sept. 15, 1802.

& the following business done viz-

Voted and made choice of Capt. William Thomson, Mr. Sam. Tucker, & Col. Northburn, a Committee to examine Ben. Wilders an. against the Town, & report. Voted to adjourn for 3 Weeks at 2 P.M.

Sept. 15th Fall Meeting for 1802.

At a legal meeting of the voters inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, held at the Town-house Sept. 15, 1802, being the Annual Fall Meeting for the year. The following business was done - viz-

1 Voted & made choice of Capt. John Morton, Moderator of the Meeting.

Voted & made choice of the following Gentlemen as a Committee to report to the overseers of the poor

What persons in their respective districts, should have a right to receive any quantity of Alms from said Town Gratis, agreeably to Law.

Lieut. Josiah Clarke, Dr. Abner Bourne, Capt. Jacob Cushman, Mr. Lephaniah Shaw, Col. John Nelson, Lt. Abner Wood, Mr. Herman Pierce, Capt. John Carver, Mr. Caleb Weston the above Committee.

1 Voted to chuse a Committee of 3 to agree with the owners of Land where the Town take Alms & report to the Town.

Dr. Abner Bourne, the
Mr. Sam. L. Tucker
Capt. Wm. Thomson } Committee

The state of the Town Treasury being read, it was Voted to accept of the same as reported by the Town's Committee.

At said Meeting, Voted to raise the sum of eighteen hundred Dollars on the polls & Estates of the

inhabitants of said Town the present year, to defray the necessary charges arising in said Town, the ratable Estates to be taken in from the first

day of May last, the apportionment to be made

& Bills committed to the several Constables, with

warrants according to Law by the first day of

November, & to be paid into the Town Treasury

by the first day of April next.

1802 Sept 3rd

12 Fall Meeting. brought over

At said Meeting, Voted that the Selectmen of the Town be requested to view the Lands of W. Thomas Bennett, & W. Nathan Darling, through which Capt. Eldy & others have petitioned for a Road, & report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting, their opinion, whether it would be beneficial for said Town, or not, to have said Road established, under every circumstances attending the same.

At said Meeting, Voted that the Town proceed in taking & disposing of the Shewives as they did last year - viz by Agents at the Sitting Mill & Old Stone ware, & at assaunders Brook, by Public Vendue to the highest bidder.

Voted & made choice of W. Carl Sears, as Agent to take & dispose of the Shewives at the Sitting Mill the next Season - Voted & chose Ensign Abner Barrows Jr. Agent for said Town to take the Shewives at the Old Stone ware. Voted that said Agents shall have the same pay 10th day they did last year, & to be under oath for the faithful discharge of their trust - and to pay money into the Town treasury every fourteen days, & at the expiration of the first running to close their accounts with said Treasurer.

Then Voted to adjourn said meeting, to wednesday the 5th of October next, & to be at the Town-house at 2 O'clock P.M.

Att^{ly} Cyrus Keith, T. W. Hall

State of the Treasury for 1802 -

We the subscribers, a Committee chosen by the Town of Middleboro: to settle accounts betwixt said Town, & W. George Norton Treasurer, & report a State of the Treasury having attended that service, report as follows viz

We find that by a Settlement made with said Treasurer on the 16th day of Sept^r 1801. he was indebted to said Town \$ 1. 23

That since that time the said Treasurer has rec^d of the Town money \$ 2826. 25

That he has paid out as appears by receipts, notes &c. in his hands \$ 2811. 29

Balance remaining in his hands 14. 96
16. 19

We find due to said Town the following sums viz - From Rob^t. Cushman & others on a note - 19. 00
from Daniel Weston & others on a bond - 34. 58
from E. Joseph Clarke on a note - 15. 30

We find due from Constables as follows viz,
From Eben^r. Wood 145. 13
from Joseph Clarke 2^d 45. 3
from Thimble Prath 21. 8
from Joel Eaton 30. 8
from Abiathur Briggs 12. 61
from Noah Ashley 67. 4
from Menaphet Robbins 25. 71
from sundry persons on bond 01. 94 348. 62.

We find due from the Town debts as follows - To sundry persons on orders dated since the 16th Sept^r 1801. 516. 39
To sundry persons due on bond 68. 42
To Constables for poundage estimated 45. 40 630. 11

Sum total due from the Town 630. 11
Sum total due to the Town 437. 59
Balance against the Town 192. 52

We find due to the Town in poor debts as follows
From Nathaniel Alden by estimation 306. 6
from Joseph Prath on a note 6. 67
from Ephraim Norcut 3. 33
from John Weston 3. 33
from George Prath 3. 33
from Liba Eaton 3. 33
from Chloe Bennett 3. 33
from Isaac Norcut 6. 67
from Isaac Willington 6. 67 342. 66.

Sept^r 15. 1802.

Michael Washburn
Nath^l. Bennett
Wilbur Wood } Committee

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1802. 1st Meeting, Oct. 6. 1802.

At a Meeting of the voters inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro, held at the Town house October 6. 1802.

① Voted & chose M^r James Washburn Moderator.

At said Meeting - Voted & made choice of M^r James Washburn Agent, for & in behalf of said Town, to appear at the

② House of Silas Packard in Bridgewater the 16th of Oct^r instant, to answer a Complaint of the Town of Bridgewater against the Town of Middleborough, for the supporting of Calvin Jotham - alias Calvin Smith - alias Calvin Leonard, to show cause why the prayer of said Complaint should not be granted. - Then Voted & chose M^r Samuel Tucker, & Capt. William Thomson, additional Agents in the above business. - & Voted that the above Agents be directed to compound with the Town of Bridgewater in the above business & settle the same, if they it most advantageous for the Town of Middleborough.

③ Voted & chose M^r James Washburn, Agent for the Town for the purpose of disposing of the Aliviers at Quittus Brook the ensuing season. -

Voted & chose En^{rs} Abner Barrows & a Committee to see that the Aliviers have a sufficient passage through the dam at Olivers works, the next season.

Then adjourn'd said Meeting, to the 1 Monday in Nov^r next at 2 O'clock P. M. -

1802. Fall Meeting, by adjournment.

Oct. 6 The Fall Meeting, being continued by adjournment, to this day, was taken up, James Washburn Mod^r.

① Voted that the Town Clerk, be directed to notify the sale of the Aliviers at Abouamset brook to be the 1 Monday in Nov^r next, at 2 O'clock in Town Meeting.

Then Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in Nov^r next, at 2 O'clock P. M. at the Town house -

Attest, Cyrus Keith, Clerk

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1802.

Annual March Meeting, by adj^t

Oct. 6 The Annual March Meeting, for 1802, being continued by adjournment to this day, was taken up M^r James Washburn Moderator.

① Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Beniah Wilders debt & Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay over to the said Wilder the sum of \$18. 57. agreeable to the report, of a Committee in the following words - viz -

Middleboro: Oct. 5. 1802. - We the subscribers, being chosen a Committee for Town to examine M^r Beniah Wilders ac^t against said Town, have attended that service and report as follows.

We find due to said Wilder on the accounts exhibited to us, Eighteen Dollars & fifty seven Cents.

Samuel Tucker
Abiel Washburn.

Then Voted to adjourn said Meeting, to the first Monday in Nov^r next, at 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest, Cyrus Keith, Town Clerk

1802

Annual March Meeting, by adj^t

Nov. 1 - The Annual March Meeting for 1802, being continued to this day, was taken up, James Washburn Mod^r at said Meeting, Voted to remit to Jephtha Ripley a tax in his Rate bills set to Nathan Ackerman & being two pounds eleven shillings & two pence \$2. 11. 2.

Then Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

Attest, Cyrus Keith, Town Clerk

1802. Representative to Congress 1802.
Nov. 1. The inhabitants of Middleboro, that are qualified to vote for Representative to Congress, met at the Town-house in said Town, the first Monday in November 1802. & gave the following Votes viz. 1
Nathum Mitchell Esq. of Bridgewater 105 Votes
Henry Warren Esq. of Plymouth 83. 2.
Rev. Samuel Niles of Abington 2 5.
Rev. Joseph Parker of Middleboro 5. 3.
Disposed the Meeting - At. Cyrus Smith. Clerk.

1802. Town Meeting, held November 1. 1802.
Nov. 1. The estate inhabitants of Middleboro: being assembled at the Town-house in said Town Nov. 1. 1802.
Voted & chose Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator of the Meeting.
Then Voted & chose M. Wood Esq. an Agent in behalf of said Town, to appear at the next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth the Saturday of Nov. instant, to defend a suit commenced against said Town, by Dea. Wilber Boothworth. - and in this respect to be under the directions of the Selectmen of the Town.
Then Voted to dispel the Meeting.
At. Cyrus Smith. Clerk.

1802 Fall Meeting, by Adjournment. Nov. 1 1802.
Nov. 1. The Fall Meeting, for 1802 being continued by adj. to this day was taken up, Cap. John Norton Mod.
At said Meeting, Voted to petition the Court of General Sessions of peace to discontinue the new Road lately layed out on the petition of Cap. Selden & others, & to establish the Old road.
Capt. William Thomson, M. Samuel Tucker, & Wilkes Wood Esq. the Committee for the purpose above.

1802. Fall Meeting, brought forward.
Nov. 1. At said Meeting, Reconsidered a former vote to sell the privilege of taking Alewives at Apawamut brook at Tendue, & Voted that said fish shall be taken by an Agent, ^{2d} at the other waters
Voted that the Agent to be chosen shall receive one Dollar for every 24 hours he shall actually be employed in said business - to be under oath for the faithful discharge of his duty, - to pay money into the Town treasury every 14 days, and at the close of the fish running to settle his A/c with the Town treasurer.
Voted & made choice of Cap. Elias Thomson, Agent for the purpose of taking the fish at Apawamut brook. - Adj. to next Town Meeting 2 P.M.
At. Cyrus Smith. Clerk.

1802 Jurymen for November Court.
Nov. 1. At a Town Meeting, held Nov. 1. 1802. the following persons were chosen Jurymen for Nov. Court.
George Pickins, Thomas Pratt, & Rufus Alden.
At. Cyrus Smith. Clerk.

1803 - Grand Jurymen for the year, 1803.
Cyrus Smith, Esq. & Wharod Wood, Grand Jurymen for the year, draw out of the box on the Law disute.
Noah Ashley, John Smith, 2. Uisha Cor, drawn out of the box on the Law disute to serve on the petit Jury for April Court. 1803.
Middleborough, March 7th 1803 -
At. Cyrus Smith. Clerk.

1803.

March 7th

Annual March Meeting

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Middleborough, qualified as the law directs to vote in Town Meeting, at the Town-house March 7th 1803. Being the Annual March Meeting, for the choice of Town Officers & other business inserted in the warrant. The Town proceeded to business in the following manner (viz)

- ① Voted & chose Mr. James Washburn Mod^r of the meeting.
- Voted to dispense with reading a list of Voters.
- ② Voted & chose Cyrus Smith Sec^y.
- Then Voted to choose the Selectmen by written vote - Then chose the following Gentlemen Selectmen for the ensuing year -

Mr. Samuel Tucker }
 Lieut. John Tinkham } Selectmen
 Capt. John Norton }
 Major Peter Hoar }
 Mr. Luke Reed. } 1803.

- ③ At said Meeting, Voted that the Selectmen be the Assessors for the ensuing year.

Town Treasurer

- ④ at said Meeting, Voted to choose the Town Treasurer by nomination.
- Mr. George Morton, was chosen Town Treasurer for the present year.

1803.

March 7th

Annual March Meeting

Constables

Mr. John Tinkham 2^d. Enr. Abner Barrows,
 Mr. Daniel Darling, Mr. Elijah Alden,
 Mr. Abner Clarke, Mr. Caleb Musham,
 Mr. Isaac Rider, Mr. Simeon Macomber,
 Mr. Moses Parris.

Surveyors of Highways

George Haskett, Caleb Musham Jun^r, Joseph Thomas,
 Robert Cushman, Ruel Thomson, Capt. Wm. Thomson,
 Elijah Eaton, Daniel White, David Alden Jr.
 Enr. Eaton, Latham Pickins, Gideon Leonard, Capt.
 Joshua Eddy, Nath^l. Nelson, Andrew Cole,
 Seth Eddy, Jabez Smith, Capt. Elisha Clarke,
 Mark Shaw, Eph^l. W. Vaughan, Noah Ashley,
 Joseph L. Barrow, Alfred Wood, Joseph Leonard,
 Edward Thomas, Wm. Strobidge, Capt. Ezra Washburn
 for his District & Daniel Wood to be united.

James Washburn, Wm. Canady Jr. Col. Washburn
 Edward Cole, Joseph Cushman 2^d Capt. Wm. Bourne,
 Capt. James Pierce, George Pierce.

- ① At said Meeting, Voted to accept of Capt. Joshua Eddy, as Constable in the room of John Tinkham 2^d. & accepted said Tinkham his Bondman.

- ② at said Meeting, Voted to raise the sum of \$2000. for amending & repairing the highways & bridges in said Town the present year. Rateable Estates to be taken in from the first day of May next, Bills committed to the several Surveyors as soon as possible. The wages of Labour to be as usual. And it is provided & Voted that those persons that do not work out their highway tax

1808.

March 7thAnnual March Meeting.

Fee by the first day of July next, shall be allowed only 50 Cents per day & the labour of Oxen etc. to be in the same proportion after the said first day of July next.

At said Meeting, Voted to sell at Public Vendue to the lowest bidder, the support of ^{all} poor persons that now are chargeable to the Town for the space of one year, from the second Monday in April next, together with all other persons that may become chargeable to said Town within that period, agreeable to the 16th article of the Warrant for this Meeting.

Then Voted to choose a Committee of nine, who are requested to meet & draw up a plan, the best adapted for the sale of the support of said Poor, which plan said Committee are requested to report at the Adjournment of this meeting. - Capt. Joshua Eddy, Wilkes Wood Esq. Capt. Wm. Thomson, Capt. John Carver, Neh. Bennett Esq. - Mr. Hugh Montgomery, Mr. James Washburn, Col. A. Washburn, D. F. Stewart, the Committee.

Inspectors of Alewives

Mr. Samuel Miller, Mr. Samuel Briggs, chosen for Robinsons Bridge.

Mr. Elijah Alden, Mr. Job Alden, chosen for Pratt's dam.

Benajah Wilder, Peleg Hackell, & Ebenezer Wilder, chosen for the Milling Mill.

Abner Barrows Jr. Ephraim Thomson, chosen for the Old Stone ware.

Josiah Leonard, Ebenezer Gammons, chosen for the New Works.

Luther Washburn, chosen for Spawmont brook.

1803.

March.

Annual March Meeting.

At said Meeting, Voted to allow & pay one Dollar for every 24 hours the several Inspectors shall attend to that service, but it is Voted that but one Inspector shall attend at a place at a time, who are directed to be very correct as to the time spent, & date their accounts correct, & as to make oath to the time spent in the said Inspection, when their accounts are exhibited to the Committee on A/c^t for allowance.

At said Meeting, Nehemiah Bennett, Esq. Wilkes Wood Esq. D. Thomas Stewart, were chosen a Committee, to settle Accounts between the Town, & Town Treasurer & report.

At said Meeting, Voted to give \$4. in the pound for collecting the Public money the present year.

At said Meeting, Voted to give the Town Treasurer One per Cent. for receiving in, & paying out the Towns money, the ensuing year.

At said Meeting, Voted to choose a Committee to receive, examine, & allow A/c^t against the Town, who are directed to meet every three months, & at the close of the year to report to the Town what money they have allowed & to whom allowed.

Hon. Isaac Thomson Esq. Capt. Joshua Eddy, Capt. John Carver, Capt. George Vaughan, Capt. James Pierce, Mr. George Norton, Mr. Daniel White, Mr. James Washburn, & Mr. Dean Briggs.

Chosen Committee on Accounts.

1803

March 4th

Annual March Meeting.

Brought Over.

- At said Meeting, Voted that Swine have liberty to run at Large the ensuing season, ringed & yoked according to Law.
- Voted that next Cattle shall not run at Large the ensuing Season.

Pound Keeper.

- At said Meeting, Chose Mr. John Fuller, Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

At said Meeting Voted not to act on the 15th Article of the Warrant for this meeting.
 Then Voted to adjourn said Meeting, to the first Monday in April next, at 2 O'clock P.M.
 Att. Cyrus Smith Town Clerk

1803

April 4th

Governor Meeting April 4th 1803.

The inhabitants of the Town of Middletown being legally assembled in Town Meeting, for the purpose of giving in Votes for Governor, Lt. Governor, & Senators for the year 1803. gave in their Votes as follows - viz -

Caleb Strong Esq ^r	145	Votes for
Elbridge Gerry Esq ^r	91	Governor.
Edward A. Robbins Esq ^r	117	Votes for
James Dowdoin Esq ^r	109	Lt. Governor.
Hon. Isaac Thompson Esq ^r	119	Votes for
Hon. Bezah Haywood Esq ^r	119	Senators
Hon. Asaah Smith Esq ^r	96	
Daniel Snow Esq ^r	96	
Eschraim Spooner Esq ^r	105	Votes for
Deputter Cotton Esq ^r	2	County Treasurer

Att. Cyrus Smith Town Clerk

1803

April 4th

Annual March Meeting.

The Annual March Meeting for 1803, was taken up this day by adjournment, & the following business done - viz. Mr. James Washburn Moderator.

- Voted, & accepted of the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to draw up a plan for the sale of the poor &c.
- Then Voted to sell the said poor at Auction this day in Town Meeting, agreeably to said Report, & the Selectmen appointed Capt. William Thomson Vendue Master.

Voted that the Selectmen may (if they think proper) take & bind out any Minor that is, or may become chargeable to the Town the ensuing year.

The Town next proceeded to the sale of the poor & Capt. James Pierce being the Lowest bidder the V^d Vendue Master declared that the support of the poor of said Town, for one year commencing the second Monday in April Instant, was sold to him the V^d Pierce, agreeable to the plan exhibited, & the list of said poor person to be supported, for the sum of seven hundred & sixty nine Dollars.

Mr. George Pierce, & Mr. Herman Pierce \$769-00 were accepted as bondsmen to the said Capt. James Pierce for the faithful discharge of his duty in the business aforesaid.

Voted & chose Mr. James Washburn, Agent in behalf of the Town, to go with the Town Treasurer to Capt. Jonathan Shaw, a defective Constable, & induce - or to effect a settlement with him, & to secure (if possible) to the Town the amount of his rate bills, or to receive the Rate bills of said Shaw, as they may think best for the Town.

Chose Mr. Pratt, & Mr. Elijah Eaton, chosen Inspectors of the Houses. Mr. Eaton chosen for Robinsons Bridge.

Turn over.

1803. Annual March Meeting

April 4th Brought Over.
At said Meeting, the Town made choice of Mr. James Washburn, as Agent, for the Town to prosecute at the expense of the Town, all breakers of the fish act.
Wm. Cyrus Smith Town Cler.

1803. Town Meeting on the petition of Elijah Perry.

April 4th At a Legal Meeting of the Votable inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury at the Town house, on Monday the 4th of April 1803.

Mr. James Washburn Moderator.

Noted to keep to the 2^d Article of the Warrant.

Then voted to take up 3^d Article & act upon it.

Then voted to raise a Committee of nine, to

consider & report at the adjournment of the

meeting, what number of Horses may be found

necessary for the convenience of the Town, to

convey their dead to the graves, & the prob-

able expense attending the same, with the

proper places to have said Horses kept on.

Mr. Simon Dogget, Capt. J. Eldy, Capt. Wm

Thomson, Capt. Wm Pratt, Mr. Hugh Montgomery

Capt. Elisha Clarke, Dr. Thomas Sturtevant,

Capt. Joseph Richmond, Capt. Elisha Pierce.

The Committee

Noted to raise a Committee of nine to take

into consideration the 3^d Article of the Warrant

& report at the adjournment what is proper

to be done with regard to limiting the

number of Licensed persons in Town.

Mr. Elijah Shaw, Wm Wood Esq. Capt. Wm Thomson,

Mr. Elijah Alden, Col. J. Nelson, Capt. Elisha Clarke

Dr. T. Sturtevant Mr. Nathl. Macomber, Capt. James

Pierce, the Committee.

Adj. to May Meeting at 2 P.M.

1803 Annual March Meeting. 4-7

April 25th The Annual March Meeting for 1803, was taken up by adjournment, on the 25th of April 1803, & the following

business done. Mr. James Washburn Mod.

Noted to excuse Mr. Washburn from serving Mod.

& chose Wilkes Wood Esq.

Surveyors of highways.

Mr. Nathaniel Thomson, L. Ansil Wood.

Fence Viewers & Field drivers.

Capt. Joseph Clarke, Eben. Cox, Capt. John Smith,

Benny Strobbridge, Capt. Silvanus Tilton, Maj.

Peter Hoar. Angel Thomas, Elisha Pierce,

Elonathan Wood, Elijah Eaton.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Mr. Israel Wood, Capt. William Thomson, John

Pickins, Jedediah Miller, Capt. Elisha Clarke,

L. John Bennett, L. Calvin Pratt.

Tythingmen.

Capt. Joshua Eldy, Elijah Eaton, Joseph Hathaway,

Hugh Montgomery, Thomas Nelson, Elijah

Thomas, Eben. Benson, Wm Canady Jr.

Hogreeves.

John Hinds, Jon. Finney, Nathl. Macomber,

Nathan Thomson, Seth Weston, John Fuller

Abraham Miller, Joshua Wood, Ansil Fane,

Abiel Pierce, J. T. Peering.

Horsereeves.

Josiah Leonard 2^d Nathan Warren, &

L. Joseph Clarke carried over.

1803
Apr. 25th Annual March Meeting, 27th
brought over.

at said Meeting, Voted to choose a Committee of three to examine the Accounts of the Selectmen with regard to their demands on the Town in the Thomson Traster business, as mentioned in the 15th Article of the Warrant, & report at the adjournment of this meeting. W^o Wood Esq^r Noah Cushman } Committee.
C^o Washburn

Voted to chuse an Agent to prosecute those persons that had the small pox in the Traster house, & that have not yet settled with the Town for the same, but in this business, the said Agent is to be under the directions of the Selectmen of the Town. Wilkes Wood Esq^r chosen the Agent.

At said Meeting
Voted to allow & pay M^r Abraham Shaw the sum of four Dollars, for the Town taking fire at the Appawamut brook, last year \$4. 00
Voted to allow & pay L^t Gershom Foster the sum of two dollars for the Town taking fire at Appawamut brook the last year \$2. 00
The 2 above votes copied & delivered to L^t Gershom Foster, Apr. 25th 1803.

Then Voted to adjourn to May 11th 3 O'clock P.M. Atty^r Cyrus Smith, T. Clerk

1803. 27
Town Meeting, Apr. 25th 1803

At a Legal Town Meeting, held at the Town house on the 25th of April 1803. S^r John Sinkham was chosen Moderator.

Voted to Vender the Collecting the remaining part due on the Rate bills committed to Capt. Jonathan Shaw to collect, to the lowest bidder.

Voted to take up the 2^d Article in the Warrant, - and Voted to chuse a Committee to repair to Robinsons bridge, view the passage of the river there, & consult with the Rain-ham Agents with regard to establishing a fishing place there, & to effect an agreement with said Agents, in the business as they shall think the most advantageous for said Town of Middleborough. said Committee are to report at the adjournment, of this meeting.

Then Voted to adjourn said Meeting to the 11th of May next, at 1 O'clock P.M.

Atty^r Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

1803
May 11th Jurymen for the Supreme Court.

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, held May 11th 1803.

Thomas Wood was drawn out of the box as the Law directs to serve on the Grand Jury at the next Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Plymouth in June next, & Capt. Nath^l Wilder, & M^r Hugh Montgomery, were draw to serve on the Petit Jury of said Court. Atty^r Cyrus Smith T. Clerk.

1803

Representative to the General Court.

May 11th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being Legally assembled in Town Meeting at the Town-house
 May 11th 1803 - Voted to choose but One Representative to the General Court for the present year.
 Then Voted & chose Lieut. John Finkham.

Att. Cyrus Smith. Town Clerk.

1803

Town Meeting on request of Elijah Perry, &c...

May 11th At a Legal Town Meeting continued by Adjournment on the request of Elijah Perry & others May 11th 1803.

Accepted of the Report of the Committee with regard to the regulating of Licensed Houses.

Then Voted & chose a Committee of nine to assist the Selectmen in seeing that the report of the Com^{tee}

is carried into effect. W^m Elijah Shaw W^m Silvanus Bennett, Capt. W^m Thomson, W^m Elijah Alden

Edw. Nelson. N^o Bennett ing^r D^r F. Shurtwarrant W^m Nath^l Macomber the Committee.

At said Meeting, Voted not to accept of the report of the Committee with regard to building three hearses.

Then by Vote dissolved the Meeting.

Att. Cyrus Smith. Town Clerk.

1803

Town Meeting by adjourn. from Apr. 25.

May 11th At a Town Meeting held by adj^t May 11th 1803.

Lieut. John Finkham Moderator.

Voted that the Tax remaining due on the bills committed to Capt. Jonathan Shaw to collect shall be paid into the several Treasuries by the first day of August next. - The person

1803

Town Meeting brought Over.

May 11th The person bidding off the Bills to procure sufficient bondsmen to the Town for the faithful discharge of his duty.

The collecting the remaining part due on said bills was then exposed to public sale in Town Meeting to the lowest bidder. - The collection was then declared to be sold to W^m Manupch Robbins for 16 cents in the pound.

At said Meeting - Voted to oppose the Town of Raynham in obtaining a fishing place at Robinsons bridge.

Then Voted, that it be left discretionary with the Representative with regard to establishing a fishing place at Robinsons Bridge, but for him to oppose the same as long as he can, but if they obtain a fishing place, to make an good bargain for the Town as he possibly can.

Then dissolved the Meeting.

Att. Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

1803

Annual March Meeting by adjournment.

May 11th The Annual March Meeting for 1803, was taken up by adjournment, May 11th W^m James Washburn Moderator.

Accepted of Capt. Joseph Clarke as Constable in the room of Isaac Rider, & accepted the S^r Rider as his tradesman.

Voted to send a Committee to examine the fishing place at apawamut brook, & report to the Town what S^r Town ought to give W^m Shaw, & W^m G. Foster for the fish.

also damages they have sustained by the Town taking Alewives at S^r place the present year, & report to the Town.

May^r Peter Hoar & W^m James Washburn the Committee.

Excused Elijah Alden from serving Constable, & chose Levi Mordoch.

Accepted Manupch Robbins as Collector to collect the money due on Capt. Shaw's

Rate bills.

Chose Calvin Tillson, surveyor of highways.

Turn over.

1803.

Annual March Meeting

May 11th Executed Mr. Caleb Muscham from serving Constable, & chose Joseph Muscham his son - the 3^d Caleb to be his bondsman.

At said Meeting - Voted to pay Major Peter Hear Mr. Samuel Fisher, & Mr. Luke Reed Selectmen, of the Town the sum of fortyseven Dollars & 25^{cts} on the account of the expense betwixt Mr. Thomson Baxter & the Town.

Then Voted & chose Mr. Elijah Eaton Tjthingman for the present year.

Then Voted to adjourn 3^d Meeting to the Annual Fall Meeting, at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest: Cyrus Smith Town Clerk

1803.

Jury men for August Court.

Aug 1st At a Town Meeting held at the Townhouse on the first day of August 1803.

Elisha Freeman, & Earl Bushman were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to serve on the petit Jury for August Court.

Attest: Cyrus Smith Town Clerk

1803.

Annual March Meeting

Sept 19th The Annual March Meeting for 1803. being continued by adjournment to this day was taken up, & adjourn'd to the 3^d Monday in Nov. next at 2 O'clock P.M.

Cyrus Smith Town Clerk

1803.

Fall Meeting for 1803.

Sept 19th At a Legal Meeting of the votable inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro: held at the Town house Sept 19th 1803 - the following business was done (viz)

1st Mr. James Washburn chosen Moderator.

At 3^d Meeting - Voted to raise the sum of eighteen hundred Dollars on the polls & ratable Estates of the inhabitants of 3^d Town, the present Year, to defray the necessary Charges arising in 3^d Town, the ratable Estates to be taken in from the first day of May last, the Assessment to be made & the Bills committed to the several Constables with warrants according to Law by the first day of November, next, & to be paid into the Town Treasury by the first day of April next.

At said Meeting. Voted to sell the privilege of taking Alewives at the several fishing wars in 3^d Town for next season at public Auction to the highest bidder.

At 3^d Meeting. Mr. Elijah Shaw, Dr. A. Bourne, Capt. William Thomson, Capt. Wm Pratt, Mr. Hugh Montgomery, N. Donnet Esq^r, Mr. Benjamin Thomas, Mr. John Townsend, Mr. Herman Pierce, were chosen a Committee to Report to the overseers of the poor, which poor persons in their districts shall be entitled to receive Alewives from the Town Grates, according to Law.

At 3^d Meeting Capt. Wm. Bourne Mr. George Leonard & Capt. Wm. Thomson were chosen a Committee to agree with the owners of Land on for the Town to take Alewives the coming season & report.

At 3^d Meeting. Voted that in future when any Constable shall receive a venire for drawing Jury men, he shall notify the whole of the Selectmen of the Town & Town Clerk.

1803.

Sept. 19-

32 Fall Meeting for 1803.

Brought Over

At the time appointed to meet to draw Jurymen,
it also to put up a notification of the Town
house door of 2^d Meeting.

At 2^d Meeting. Voted to choose a Com.
to see that the River have a sufficient
passage way up neamarket River to open
warmet pond through the several dams on
the Comtee to consist of three, & chose
Mr. James Washburn, Capt. William Thomson,
S. Inhabed Wood the Committee.
Then adjourn'd the Meeting to the 3^d Monday
in November next, & to be held at the
Town house at 2 O'clock P.M.

33
We the Subscribers, a Committee chosen by the Town of Middle
to settle Acc^t between 2^d Town & Mr. George Weston Treasurer of 2^d
Town, & report a State of the Treasury - having attended that com-
ice do report as follows - viz -

We find by a Settlement with said Treasurer on the 16th day
of Sept^r 1802 he was indebted to 2^d Town \$16⁰⁰ 19⁰⁰ 00
That since that time 2^d Treas^r has rec^d 2501 47 00
of the Towns Money - 2517 66
That in the same time he has
paid the Towns debts according to his vouchers 2499 76
2^d Allowance according to Town Vote 1st 6th
for his fees as Treas^r up to this day - 25 02 2518 78
Balance due to 2^d Treasurer from 2^d Town 01 12
We find due from the Town to sundry
persons on orders dated since Sept^r 15th 1802 }
by the best information - 34
To sundry persons due on book - 66 57 100 57
From the Town sum total 101 69

We find due to 2^d Town the following sums
viz - from Abt. Cushman & others on a note - 19 90
from Tho. Weston on 2^d - 13 21
Interest upon the above sums 92
from the Estate of S^c Wood Esq^r Constable 13 83
From Jⁿ Shaw a Constable 59 56
From sundry person on book 2 69 115 11
Sum Total due to the Town 115 11
Balance due to the Town 009 42

Poor debts were

We find due to 2^d Town from N. Allen 306
from others in small sums 36 66 342 66

All which is submitted Sept^r 19 1803.

N. Bennett 2 Com^{tee}
M^r Wood } for sitting
Thos. Sturdevant } Treas^r

The above Report accepted by the Town at a
Legal Town Meeting, Sept^r 19th 1803.

M^r Cyrus Smith M^r W. B. B. &c.

1803. Town Meeting held Oct. 17. 1803.

Oct. 17. The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting at the Town-house on the 17th of October 1803. Chas. M. Sam. L. Tucker Moderator of the Meeting.

Noted to read a list of Jurors
The list of Jurors being read, it was thereupon voted to choose a Committee of nine to assist the selectmen in voting out one third of 2^d list to deposit in the Superior Court.

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| Mr. Noah Cushman | } the Com ^{tee} |
| Capt. Joseph Clarke | |
| Wm. Wood Esq ^r | |
| Thomas Weston | |
| James Washburn | |
| Sam. L. Cobb | |
| Edw. Miller Jr. | |
| Sam. Briggs | |
| Carl Sears | |

At 2^d Meeting, Noted to postpone acting any thing on the 2^d Article of the Warrant.
Noted to adjourn 3^d Meeting to the 2^d Monday of Nov^r next, & to be held at the Town-house at 3 O'clock P.M. - Atty. Cyrus Smith Town Cler.

Annual March Meeting

1803. Oct. 17. The Annual March Meeting for the present Year, being continued by adjourn^t to this time. Mr. James Washburn Mod^r.

Noted to adjourn the Meeting to the 2^d Monday in Nov^r next, & that the same be held at the Town house at 3 O'clock P.M.

Cyrus Smith Town Cler.

1803.

Fall Meeting by adjournment.

Oct. 17. The inhabitants of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting, by adjournment from the Annual Fall Meeting - James Washburn Mod^r.

At 3^d Meeting Noted to accept the conditions of sale of the Alewives which is as follows viz -
Articles of Sale

- 1 - The Town will at their own expense see that the fish are properly inspected at the several fishing places, & other places where it has been usual to inspect.
- 2^d - The Town will agree with the owners of Land for the privilege of fishing.
- 3^d - The purchasers shall be held to give notes to the Treasurer with security to the acceptance of the Town for the payment of the money for which the respective privileges shall sell, one half to be paid on the first day of June next & the other half on the first day of Sept^r next with interest from the first day of June.

4th - The purchasers shall in all respects observe the directions of the Law in taking & selling 3^d fish.

Noted that in selling the fish at auction at this time one dollar shall be a bid.

The Vendue Master, Capt. John Morton, then exposed the privilege of taking fish at the Milling Mill for the coming season, at Auction in Town Meeting, when Mr. James Washburn being the highest bidder said privilege was declared to be sold to him for \$263.
Then Noted to release James Washburn from 3^d purchase & accepted Rob^t. Cushman, Joseph Barrow, Daniel Weston & Thomas Weston as purchasers of 3^d privilege.

Turn over

1803.

Fall Meeting, brought over.

Oct. 17. At said Meeting, the privilege of taking the Alunions at the Old Stone ware, (so called) for the coming season sold to Samuel Morton, for two hundred & thirty Dollars — \$230.

\$230

Accepted Mr. Eben. Morton as bondsman to the S. Samuel Morton for the payment of S. James.

The privilege of taking 3 fish at Apawamsit brook sold to S. Rob. Cushman for ninety nine Dollars — \$99.

\$99

Noted to release Rob. Cushman as proprietor of Apawamsit brook, & accepted James Washburn as proprietor, & Robt. Cushman as surety.

At 3. Meeting. Noted to instruct the Committee of Inspection to see that the Gates are kept hoisted at the several works till the fish have done popping up.

Disolved the Meeting — All. Caprus Truth *MMW*

1803.

Nov. 14th

Jury men for Nov. Term.

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. being assembled in the Selectmens room.

Capt. Joseph Clarke a Constable read a Vennor for Jurymen for Nov. Court, When Mr. Luther Murdoch & Sargen Abner Barrows Jr. were drawn from the box as the Law directs to serve as Jurors at said Court.

as Jurors at said Court.

Caprus Truth Town Clerk.

Town Meeting, Nov. 14th 1803.

1803.

Nov. 14

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. at the Townhouse November 14th 1803.

Chose Capt. John Morton, Moderator of the meeting.

At said Meeting, Noted that Mr. John Tinkham, Representative for S. Town, be directed to pursue his former directions, with regard to Opposing the Petition of the Town of Raynham in establishing a fishing place at Robinsons Bridge, & that he dispose a viewing Committee being sent from the General Court to view a fishing place in Tarrant Great River, in said Town of Raynham.

At said Meeting, Noted that Messrs. Robbins a collector of S. Town be directed to enforce by all legal means the payment of all taxes committed to him remaining due on the bills which were originally committed to Jonathan Shaw, excepting such persons (if any) who shall make it appear to S. Town, that they have already paid their taxes to the S. Jonathan Shaw.

At 3. Meeting, Voted not to act on that article in the warrant, respecting a Turnpike Road through part of the Town of Middleborough.

Then Voted to disolve the Meeting.

All. Caprus Truth *MMW*

1803. At a Town Meeting held at the Townhouse, Nov. 14. 1803.

by adjournment. — Voted that a List of Jurors be read. — Voted to accept of S. List.

Then disolved the Meeting.

All. Caprus Truth *MMW*

1803. The Annual March Meeting, for 1803. being continued by adjournment to this time was taken up —

Voted to disolve the Meeting.

All. Caprus Truth *MMW*

1804.

Annual March Meeting.

March 12th.

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being legally assembled in Town Meeting, at the Townhouse on the 12th of March 1804, for the choice of Town Officers & other business inserted in the Warrant, proceeded to business in the following manner, viz.

Chose Capt. John Norton, Moderator.

Noted to dispense with reading a list of Voters.

Chose Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

Chose Mr. George Norton, Town Treasurer.

Chose Mr. Samuel Tucker Selectman, who refused to serve any longer — Whereupon the Town Voted that the thanks of the Town be presented to Mr. Tucker for his past faithful services to the Town as one of their Selectmen.

Mr. Elijah Shaw.

Mr. John Tinkham

Capt. John Norton

Mr. Samuel Pickins

Mr. Luke Reed

Selectmen
for the
year 1804.

At a meeting, Voted that the Selectmen be the Assessors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Abel Thomas

Mr. Sam^l Leonard

Mr. Daniel Thomas

Mr. Elijah Ables

Mr. Abel Nelson

Mr. Robert Clarke

Mr. Calvin Tillson

Mr. Ephraim Peirce

Mr. Henry Strobridge

Constables

for the year

1804

1804.

Annual March Meeting.

March 12th.

Surveyors of Highways.

Lebedee Cobb, Warren Clarke, John Cushman, Nelson Wood, John Cobb, Sam^l E. Tucker, Capt. Joshua Shaw, Capt. W^m Pratt, Nathan Warburton, Seth Weston, John Perkins, Capt. John Norton, Capt. Joseph Clarke, Mark Haskell, Nath^l ~~Clark~~ ^{Southworth}, Silas Tinkham, James Soule, David Jacobs, Dan^l Savory, Eph^m W. Naughton, Ben^l Howland, Levi S. Barron, Jeremiah Thomas, Josiah Leonard, Silas White, Hugh Montgomery, Cap^t Ezra Barlow, Milner Tribenau, Cap^t John Smith, Abiathur Briggs, S^r Ichabod Wood, Levi Mardock, Lem^l Barlow, George Norton, Cap^t James Peirce, Abner Clarke, Nath^l Thomson, Wm Cornish, Churchill Thomas, Ephraim Mard.

At a meeting, Voted that the several Surveyors of Highways be directed, in case the Roads should be blocked with Snow, that they immediately make an Apportionment on their districts, sufficient to remove the same according to Law. Voted that the Assessors be directed to issue their Warrants in due form of Law, to the several Surveyors of Highways in said Town, empowering them to collect the several taxes in their Bills & to lay out all money so collected, in repairing the several Roads in their respective districts.

1804.

March 12th

Annual March Meeting.

At 1st Meeting - Voted to raise the sum of Two Thousand Dollars for amending & repairing the several highways & bridges in S. Town, on the same mode the Town pursued the last year.

Inspectors of Alewives.

Levi Briggs } for Robinson Bridges.
Carl Dean. }

1. Jon: Leonard } for Pratt's Dam.
Simon Barker }

Joseph Bump } for the Milling Mill
Ben: Wilder }

Arthur Barrows } for the Stone House
Silvanus Banket }

Wilkes Wood Esq: } for the new Works.
Levi Peirce }

L: Gerrard Foster } for Shawmut Brook.
Capt: Ebenezer Briggs }

At 2^d Meeting. Voted to give One Dollar for every 24 hours actual service for inspecting the Alewives - The inspectors to make Oath to their Accounts respecting the time so spent, when 3^d Accounts are presented to the Committee on Accounts for allowance.

Accepted of Capt: Nath: Wilder Jr as Constable in the room of Sam: Leonard.

Leonard, Leonard to be Wilder's Bondsman, for the faithful performance of his duty.

1804.

March 12th

Annual March Meeting.

Voted to give the Town Treasurer, fifteen Dollars for his services as Treasurer the ensuing year.

Allowed 4 in the pound for collecting the public money the present year.

Mr. Samuel Tucker

Capt: Joshua Eddy,

Capt: Wm Porter

Capt: Silvanus Tilton

Mr. Herman Peirce

Wilkes Wood Esq:

David Richmond Esq:

Mr. Lem: Briggs

Capt: John Norton.

Committee

on

Accounts

for 1804.

At 3^d Meeting, Voted that Swine have no Liberty to run at Large the ensuing season.

Voted that neat Cattle may have Liberty to run at Large on the highways & commons the ensuing season.

Mr. John Fuller, chosen to keep the Town's Pound the ensuing year.

At 4th Meeting - Voted that the Town sell at public Auction, to the lowest Bidder all persons that may be found chargeable to the Town on the 2^d Monday in April next, together with all such as shall become chargeable to S. Town during that time, excepting such persons as the overseers of the poor may direct.

1804

March 10th

Annual March Meeting.

Ad 3^d Meeting

Capt. Joshua Eddy. Wilkes Wood Esq^r.
James Washburn Esq^r. Hugh Montgomery
Isaac Thomson Esq^r were chosen a
Committee to ascertain the expenses
of the Town in supporting the poor
for the present year as near as may
be. & report their opinion as to the
expedience of any different mode of
supporting the same for the year ensuing,
at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted with regard to
dividing School District N^o 8. &
other School Districts in 3^d Town that
it be left to the discretion of the
Selectmen of the Town, and that
their Judgment shall be final.

Vote to Mr. Abraham Shaw four
Dollars, & to Pershom Foster Two
Dollars for the Town taking fish at
Appawamut brook the last year.

Then Adjourned the Meeting to
the first Monday in April next
at One O'Clock P.M.

Attest Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

1804.

April 2^dGovernor, L. Gov^r & Senators.

The inhabitants of Middleborough, being legally
assembled in Town Meeting, April 2^d 1804, for
the purpose of giving in Votes for Gov^r L. Gov^r & Senators.
The Votes were given in as follows. viz—

	Votes	
James Sullivan Esq ^r	207	for Governor.
Caleb Strong Esq ^r	147	
William Heath Esq ^r	198	for L. Gov ^r
Edward H. Robbins Esq ^r	98	

Senators

Isaac Thomson Esq ^r	108	Senators.
Berza Hayward Esq ^r	108	
Albert Smith Esq ^r	85	
Daniel Snow Esq ^r	195	
Nathan Willis Esq ^r	123	
Wilkes Wood Esq ^r	1	
Capt. Peter Wood	1	

County Treasurer

Ephraim Spooner Esq ^r	80
Levi Pierce	2
James Soule 2 ^d	3
Dr. Joseph Clarke	2

Attest Silvanus Titton, Clerk for the day.

1804
Apr. 2^d

Town Meeting

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Middleboro. April 2^d 1804. for the purpose of choosing Agents to meet the Genl. Court's Com.^{tee} at Robinsons Bridge see:-----

At 3^d Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of three to meet a Committee appointed by the Genl. Court, at Robinsons Bridge, on the 2^d day of May next.-----

Major Peter Hoar
Capt. Wm. Thomson } Committee
James Washburn Esq.

Voted to give said Committee instructions to oppose the Town of Raynham having a fishing place at Robinsons Bridge.-----

Voted to choose an Agent to postpone the laying out the Road Petitioned for by Seth Rider, & others, untill August term.-----

Chose James Washburn Esq.
the Agent.-----

Silvanus Tilton Clerk for the day.-----

1804
Apr. 2^d

Annual March Meeting.

The Annual March Meeting, was taken up this day by Adj. & the following business done.-----

Voted & chose W. Samuel Putnam Agent for the Town to sell the Meadows at Quittus Brook.-----

Voted that Saffrona Blackman be struck out of the list of poor.-----

Adj. 2^d to 2^d Monday in April one O'Clock P.M.

Silvanus Tilton Clerk for the day.-----

1804

March 12th

Grand Jurymen, for the Year 1804

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Middleboro, March 12th 1804. Benjamin Washburn, & George Haskell, were appointed by drawing out of the box, as the Law directs, to serve as Grand Jurors for the ensuing year. And Jacob Barrows & Nathan Eaton, were drawn out of the box as the Law directs to serve as Petit Jurors at the next Court of Common Pleas & Genl. Sessions of the peace to be holden at N. York on the second Tuesday of April next.-----

Cyprian Smith, T. W. Hall Esq.

Annual March Meeting.

1804

Apr. 9th

The Annual March Meeting for the present year was taken up by Adjournment, on the 9th day of April 1804. & the following business done.----- Capt. John Norton Moderator.

Mr. Elijah Shaw having previously been chosen a Selectman, declined serving whereupon the Town proceeded to the choice of another in his room. the votes being counted, it appeared that Capt. William Thomson, was chosen Selectman.-----

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers, for 1804.-----

Jonathan Harlow, Eben. Cox, Capt. John Smith, Henry Strobridge, Major Peter Hoar, Capt. Wm. Smith, Elisha Rider, Jonathan Wood, Elijah Eaton, Capt. Ezra Harlow.-----

1804

Annual March Meeting, by adjournmentApril 9th

brought Over.

Surveyors of Lumber.

- 1) Israel Wood, Cap^t. William Thomson, Cap^t. Elkanah Pierce, Jedediah Miller, Cap^t. Elihu Clarke, Lt. John Bennett, Cap^t. Calvin Pratt.

Tything Men.

- 1) Cap^t. Joshua Beldy, Azel Perkins, Joseph Hathaway, Hugh Montgomery, Thomas Nelson, Elijah Thomas, Herman Pierce, Josiah Leonard.

Hogreeves.

- 1) John Hinds, Noah Clarke, Nath^l. Macomber, Daniel Darling, Andrew Alden, Thomas Sprout, Abraham Miller, Nath^l. Cole, Eliza Thomas Jr, Abel Pierce Jr, Joseph Omer.

Horsereeves.

- 1) Samuel Jackson, Obadiah Samson, Dr. Joseph Clarke.

Constable.

- 1) Excused Elijah Alden from serving Constable & chose Israel Alden, then excused him & chose Mr. Simon Backus.
- Excused Josiah Leonard from serving Surveyor of highways, & chose Dr. Chubb. With Foster.
- At 3^d Meeting, reconsidered a former vote with regard to swine, & Voted that swine have Liberty to run at Large, ringed & yoked as the Law directs.
- At 5^d Meeting - reconsidered a former vote respecting meat cattle & Voted that meat cattle shall not run at Large the ensuing Season.

1804

Annual March Meeting, brought overApril 9th

Mr. Samuel Tucker,
Wilkes Wood Esq^r.
Col. A. Washburn

- 1) Were chosen a Committee to settle Debt^s between the Town & Town Treasurer, & report a State of the Treasury.

Voted that Thos. Thomas

- 2) be struck out of the List of poor persons.

Voted not to sell the support of all

- 3) poor person the ensuing year.
- 4) Then - Voted to sell at Auction to the Lowest Bidder the whole support of all poor person that are wholly supported by the Town, to one person - viz.

- 5) Anne Dillis, Lavina Bryant, Samuel Rider, Martha Lyon, Anne Donham, Nathan Tance, Abigail Mayo, Margrit Miller, Elkanah Colmes, Deborah Horn, Rob^t. Richmonds Child, Isaac Shaw, Aaron Cesar, Dr. Bryants Widow 14 in all.

The Town to have the income of the little property that belongs to the widow of Dr. Bryant.

- 6) Voted that the purchaser of the support of the poor may draw his orders on the Town Treas^r quarterly for his pay, & the Treas^r is directed to pay the same if he can - But the purchaser shall not be entitled to any interest for any sum due to him on the 2^d Monday in April 1805 - should any sum then be due to him.

- 7) The Town Treasurer is to give his note of hand on Interest for the same one demand.
- The support of 3^d poor (the names as above) was sold to Dr. Joseph Clarke for one year - for \$498.50.

1804. Annual March Meeting, brought over.

At 9th. On the Memorial Samuel Norton respecting the obstruction of the Millwies - Noted - that the S. Norton be directed to call on the Millwies men to remove all obstruction to the passage of the Millwies immediately.

Noted to adjourn S. meeting to the next Town Meeting, at 2 O'clock P.M.

At 10th. Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

Annual March Meeting

1804. May 9th. The Annual March Meeting for 1804. continued by adjournment, was taken up May 9th 1804. & the following business done. - Capt. John Norton Mod.

Noted & accepted of Warren Clarke as Constable in the room of his Father Mr. Robt. Clarke, & the S. Robt. Clarke was accepted as bondsman to the S. Warren for the faithful discharge of his duty.

Accepted of William Canady, as Constable in the room of Mr. Henry Strobridge, the S. Strobridge to be his bondsman.

Accepted of Daniel Darling as Constable in the room of Daniel Thomas. At 10th. Harkai Thomas appeared and was accepted as bondsman to the said D. Darling for the faithful discharge of his duty in his Office.

At S. Meeting - Noted & excused Simon Backus from serving Constable this present year - And chose Job Alden Jun^r Constable for the ensuing year.

At S. meeting, Dr. Uisha Briggs was chosen Hogreeve for S. Town the ensuing year.

At S. Meeting. Voted that neat Cattle shall not run at Large the ensuing season.

At said Meeting - Voted to allow & pay Major Peter Hoar, \$2.00 for his attendance at the small for house when Daniel Leonard & others had the small for. \$2.00

1804. Annual March Meeting, by adjournment.

May 9th. At said Meeting - Voted to allow & pay to Luke Reed, the sum of \$2.00 for his attendance on the small for business in the sickness of Daniel Leonard & others.

At said Meeting. Voted to allow & pay M. Samuel Tucker, Major Peter Hoar, & M. Luke Reed, the sum of \$2.00 being due to them for the payment of evidence, attendance, & copy of writ in the case with Thompson Master & the town, in the month of Feb^y. 1802. - Adjourn'd said Meeting, to the next Town meeting, to be held at the Town house at 2 O'clock P.M. At 10th. Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

1804. Town Meeting relative to Licensed shops & stores

May 9th. At a Town Meeting held May 9th 1804. on the Petition of N. Bennett Esq. & others relative to Licensed shops & stores & stores & stores - The Town chose Capt. John Norton Moderator of the Meeting.

Voted to act on the warrant.

Noted that the Selectmen be requested to post up as the Law directs, any persons belonging to S. Town, who shall be found tippling & spending their time & property in stores & stores, in order as far as possible, to prevent the unnecessary practice of tippling. Then Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

At 10th. Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

Representative to the General Court.

1804. May 9th. The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. being legally assembled in Town Meeting for the choice of Representative Voted to have but one Representative.

Then Voted by ballot, and chose

Lieut. John Tinkham, Representative for the ensuing year.

At 10th. Cyrus Smith Town Clerk.

1804. Annual March Meeting.

Aug. 6th } The Annual March Meeting, for 1804.
 was taken up this day by Adjourn^t
 & the following business done viz
 Capt. John Norton Moderator.
 Voted to accept of the report of the
 Selectmen of the Town, with regard
 to laying out a Road from the
 New Works to the Marcham Road,
 near the dwelling house of Jeremiah
 Thomas, provided the said Selectmen
 shall put said Report in regular form.

At said Meeting.

Voted to submit the dispute with Jerem^h
 Thomas, with regard to the value of his
 land through which the above said road
 passes, to Mr. Zachariah Weston, Capt.
 Ezra Harlow, & Mr. Israel Wood, & for
 them to view said Land, & report to the
 Town the value of the same.

Then voted to adjourn s^d Meeting
 to the next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P.M.
 Cyrus Smith Town Cler.

1804. Jury Men for Aug. Court.

Aug. 6th } At a Legal Town Meeting held
 at the Town House on the 6th of Aug.
 1804. Moses Parris & Andrew Alden
 were appointed by drawing out of the Box
 as the Law directs, petit Jurymen for
 August Court.

Cyrus Smith Town Cler.

1804. Town Meeting.

Aug. 6th } At a Legal Town Meeting, held Aug.
 6th 1804 - respecting a Citation from the
 Court of Sessions respecting Roads -
 Mr. Robt. Cushman, was Chosen Mod^r
 At said Meeting - Voted to chuse an Agent
 to oppose the Petition of W. Wood Esq. & others
 relative to the laying out a Road to pass
 through land of D. Clark, near the Town
 house: - Voted & chose Capt. William
 Thompson the Agent.

Voted that the said Agent be
 directed to call on the Town Treasurer for
 Twenty Dollars to enable him to oppose
 the said Petition, & the said Treasurer is
 hereby directed to pay the same, to the
 said Thompson, he to be accountable to the
 Town for the expenditure of the same -

Then Voted to dissolve the Meeting -
 Cyrus Smith Town Cler.

1804. Jurymen for the Supreme Court.

Sept. 17th } At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of
 Middleborough, Sept. 17. 1804.

Dr. Perez Thomas, was appointed by drawing
 out of the box as the Law directs, to serve on the
 Grand Jury, for the Supreme Court next to
 be holden at Plymouth on the third Tuesday
 of Oct. next, & Jedidiah Miller & Lenox
 Wood were appointed to serve on the petit
 Jury of said Court.

Cyrus Smith Town Cler.

52.
1804 Fall Meeting for 1804

Sept. 17th The votable inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being legally assembled in Town Meeting, September 17th 1804, being the Annual Fall Meeting,
James Washburn Esq. was chosen Moderator
Voted to sell the privilege of taking the Alewives at the several fishing places at Public Auction

Voted & made choice of Major Peter Hoar, Nehemiah Bennett Esq. & St. Shabod Wood, a Committee to agree with the owners of Land at the several fishing places for Liberty to take the Alewives the next season.

Voted to chuse a Committee of three to see that the Alewives have a sufficient passage way through the several dams on Nemasket River, & if the passage way should be found insufficient, the said Committee are directed to see that the same is made sufficient immediately. - Capt. John Norton, Secy. Shabod Wood, & M. Samuel Tucker, the Committee - The said Committee are instructed to immediately repair to the several dams & view the same - If they find them insufficient, then to call on the several owners of the dams to clear the ways - If the owners do not make the ways sufficient in the time set them - then the Committee proceed & clear the same at the expense of the Town.

Voted to chuse an Agent to oppose the Petition of Seth Miller Junr. with regard to Laying out a new road - The Agent to appear at Nov. Court to oppose the same - chose James Washburn Esq. the Agent

53.
1804 Fall Meeting continued

Sept. 17th Voted to chuse a Committee to take into consideration the request of Eben. Norton, for an allowance in the payment for the fish, on account of the fish being obstructed in their passage up the River - The committee to report at the adjournment of this Meeting.

St. Shabod Wood of the
Ed. Abel Washburn
M. Sam. Tucker - Committee.

At said Meeting - Voted to raise the sum of thirteen Hundred Dollars on the Ratable polls & estates of the inhabitants of S. Town, the present year, to defray the necessary charges arising in S. Town - The Ratable Estates to be taken in from the first day of May last. the apportionment to be made & the bills committed to the several Constables by the first day of Nov. next, & to be paid into the Town treasury by the first day of Apr. next.

Then voted to proceed to the sale of the fish immediately - Chose Capt. John Norton, Vendue Master - Voted that the Articles of sale shall be as for last year.

Slitting Mill priviledge, sold to D. Joseph Clarke for the sum of \$270.00

Old Stone ware sold to Gorham Wood for the sum of 176.00

Appawamsit brook sold to Lem Briggs for the sum of 56.00

accepted Ed. Washburn as bondsmen to D. Clarke
Accepted Abner Barrows Junr. & Jacob Barrows as bondsmen to Gorham Wood

Accepted Capt. Elias Samson, as surdy with Lem Briggs.

Adjourn'd the meeting to next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P.M. - Cyra Smith Clerk.

1804. Annual March Meeting.

Sept. 17th. The Annual March Meeting for the present year being continued by Adjournment, was taken up on the 17th of September 1804 - & the following business done -

1. Capt. John Norton Moderator -

At said meeting - Accepted the report of the Committee on the state of the Treasury -

Adjourn'd 2^d Meeting to the next Town meeting at one O'clock P.M. -

Attest: Cyrus Smith Town Clerk

1804. Annual March Meeting.

Nov. 5th. The Annual March Meeting for 1804. was taken up by Adjournment, on the 5th of Nov. & dissolved... Attest: Cyrus Smith Town Clerk

1804. Town Meeting, respecting Roads.

Nov. 5th. At a Town Meeting, held Nov. 5th 1804...

1. Capt. Wm. Thomson Moderator of the Meeting -

Noted that the Town agreed to have one of the Roads, petitioned for by Jediah Miller, on the one part, & Capt. George Vaughan on the other...

Noted to accept of the South Road (so called) on the petition of Capt. George Vaughan...

Noted & chose Capt. Wm. Thomson, Agent, to oppose the Laying out of the other Road on the petition of Jediah Miller - said Agent to appear before the Committee of Court, and at the next Nov. Term in behalf of the Town...

Adjourn'd to next Town Meeting at O'clock P.M. -

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleboro: to settle Accounts between said Town & Mr. George Norton, their Treasurer, & Report a state of the Treasury, having performed that service, here leave to Report as follows -

1st. That there is a balance upon money received more than paid out, since the last settlement now remaining in the Treasurers hands of \$24¹¹/₁₉

That there was a balance upon the last settlement, Sept. 19th 1803. due to said Treas^r 1¹¹/₁₂

That there is due to said Treasurer for money collected & paid over up to last March 2¹¹/₂₉

Balance due to said Town 3¹¹/₄₁

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2^d. That there is due to said Town from

Rob^t Cushman & others 135¹¹/₄₈

from Ben^t & Sam^l Norton 209¹¹/₈₃

from James Washburn & others 106¹¹/₇₉

\$446¹¹/₄₀

That there is due from said Town to sundry persons holding Selectmens orders, Auditors Certificates & Town Notes as near as we can ascertain 137¹¹/₁₈

To sundry person on the Town Book a balance of 6¹¹/₄₁

To James Pierce & others for supporting for the last year a balance of 34¹¹/₆₀

Total balance due to the Town 289¹¹/₅₉ 178¹¹/₁₉

Poor debts -

We find due to said Town from Nathan Alden 306¹¹/₈₈

from others in small debts 30¹¹/₆₆

\$342¹¹/₆₀

All which is submitted, Sept. 17. 1804.

Samuel Tucker Committee
Abiel Washburn for settling with
Wilbur Wood the Treasurer

1804. Town Meeting, for giving in votes for Electors...

Nov. 5th At said Meeting, voted not to read a list of Voters...

Federal ticket..... Votes..

At Large { Hon. David Cobb, Graftonborough 100
Hon. Oliver Wendell Boston 100

Suffolk - John Coffin Jones Esq. Boston 100

Hon. Mary Goldslee, Salem 100

Baily Bartlett Haverhill 100

Heagar Brooks Lincoln 100

Wm. Shepherd, Woburn 100

Hon. Mattison J. Amherst 100

Wm. Sever, Kingston 100

Hon. Bacon & Barnstable 100

George Leonard, Norton 100

Joseph Allen, Worcester 100

Josiah Starns, Lunenburg 100

David Asplatter of Richmond 100

Cotton Tufts, Weymouth 100

John Lord, Berwick 100

Isaac Parker, Portland 100

Thomas Rice, Wiscasset 100

Sam. L. Sumner, Wiscasset 100

Electors.....

1804

Nov. 5th

At Large, James Sullivan, Boston 319
Abbridge Gory Cambridge 319

Hon. James Bowdoin, Boston 319

John Hathorne, Salem 319

Thomas Kittbridge, Andover 319

James Winthrop, Cambridge 319

Jon. Smith Jr. N. Springfield 319

Edward Wham, N. Salem 319

James Warren, Plymouth 319

Josiah Dean, Raynham 319

John Davis, Barnstable 319

Timothy Newell, Sherbridge 319

John Whiting, Lancaster 319

John Bacon, Stockbridge 319

William Heath, Roxbury 319

John Woodman, Boston 319

Charles Turner, Turner 319

Thomas Fillibrown, Hollowell 319

John Farley, New Castle 319

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1804. Representative to Congress.

Nov. 5. The Inhabitants of Middleboro' being convened in Legal Town Meeting Nov. 5th 1804. gave in their votes for a Representative to Congress in the following manner viz -

Rev. Joseph Barker..... 294
Nathaniel Mitchell Esq. 102

Att. Cyrus Smith, Clerk of said Town.....

1804. Fall Meeting, for 1804

Nov. 5. The fall Meeting for 1804. was taken up Nov. 5th by adjournment, & voted to adjourn the same to the next Town Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.

Att. Cyrus Smith, Town Clerk.

1804. Juryman for Nov. Court.

Nov. 5. At a Meeting of the vatable Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. Nov. 5th 1804.

Benjamin Norton, & Solomon Thompson were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs, to serve on the Petit Jury for November Term.

Att. Cyrus Smith, Town Clerk.

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1805. Fall Meeting by adjournment

March 11. The Inhabitants of Middleboro. being legally assembled in Town Meeting by adjournment from the annual Fall Meeting James Washburn Esq. Moderator

Voted that the Committee chosen to take into consideration the request of Eben. Morton be (Directed to report in writing at the adjournment of this Meeting -

The above Meeting stands adjourned to the next Meeting two O'clock P.M.

Att. Silvanus Nelson Town Clerk

1805. November Meeting by adjournment

March 11. The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. being legally assembled in Town Meeting by adjournment Capt. Wm. Thomson Moderator

Voted to adjourn said Meeting to April Meeting 2 O'clock P.M.

Att. Silvanus Nelson Town Clerk

Grand Juryman for the year 1805

Lepheniah Shaw Goodman Woodman
Juryman for the year drawn out of the box as the Law directs

Epheam Pierce Edward Sparrows Jr.
Joseph Cushman & drawn out of the box as the Law directs to serve as Petit Jury for April Court 1805

Middleborough March 11 1805
Att. Silvanus Nelson Town Clerk

1805 ⁶⁰ Annual March Meeting

March 11th
The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro:
being legally assembled in Town Meeting at
the Town House on the 11th of March
1805 for the choice of Town Officers
& other business inserted in the warrant
Proceeded to business in the following
manner

① Chose Capt John Morton Moderator

Voted to dispense with
reading a List of Voters

Chose Mr Cyrus Keith Town Clerk
who refused to serve any longer
thereupon the Town Voted that the thanks
of the Town be presented to Mr Keith
for his past faithful services to the
Town as their Clerk

② Then Chose Silvanus Silsbee Town Clerk

③ Chose Mr Levi Pierce Town Treasurer

Capt William Thomson	Select Men
Ensign Samuel Cobb	
Capt John Morton	
Mr Samuel Perkins	
Mr Luke Reed	for the
	year 1805

④ At this Meeting Voted that the Select
Men be the Assessors the present year

Chose Thomas Long Constable

⑤ Voted & accepted of Mr Elijah Shaw as
Constable in the room of Thomas Long
by said Long being Shaw's Bondsmen

1805 ⁶¹ Annual Meeting for March Contin

March 11th Constables continued

① Issac Thomase Andrew Tucker
Elijah Alden Samuel Cobb Capt
Abner Thomas Thomas Southworth
Malborn Briggs John Nelson Chosen
In the room of Ashua Washburn who was
excused

Surveyors of high ways

Capt Wm Porter, Ebenezer Raymond John
Cushman, Nelson Wood, John Cobb, Amos Tucker
Capt Joshua Shaw, Capt Wm Pratt, Luke Reed,
Seth Weston, John Perkins, Eleazer Richmond,
Ebenezer Cox, Jonathan Finney, Gideon
Southworth, Silas Sinkham, James Soule
Abisha Clark, Jonathan Shaw, John Vaughan
Samuel Howland, Levi Lebaron, Lemuel Thomas
Josiah Leonard, Silas White, Wm Thobridge
Capt Ezra Harlow, St Zachariah Weston
Capt John Smith, Thomas Weston
Jeremiah Keith, Elisha Briggs, Jonathan Bartles
James Sprout, Capt James Pierce, Levi Briggs
Wm Thompson, Calvin Silsbee
Lebedee Thomas Asa Benson

② At this meeting voted to raise the sum of
Two thousand Dollars for repairing the high
ways & Bridges the present year in the
Town

③ At this Meeting Voted that the Surveyors of high
ways pursue the same mode they did the last
year of clearing the roads of snow

④ Voted that the rateable Estates be taken from the
first Day of May for making the high way Tax
Voted to allow the same for Labour on the
road the Day that was the last year
J. Thompson

1805 ⁵² Annual March Meeting

March 11th Voted that the assessors be directed to call on the Surveyors for their Mill rights the reason is out so that they may see who is delinquent & who is not.

Inspectors of Relieves

Voted to Chow at Robinsons Bridge

Mr. Simuel Briggs
James Washburne } for Robinsons Bridge
Haze Peter Hoar

Mr. Job Alden
Mr. Job Alden } for Poatte Dam
St. Paul Hathaway

Mr. Jonas Cushman
Mr. Ebenezer Wilder } for the Slitting Mill

Mr. Ebenezer Tenney
Mr. Gideon Perkins } for the old Stone wall
Mr. Silas Thomas

John Pickens at Apasampsett Brook

Voted that the Inspectors be directed to keep their Quarts by the hour & that they exhibit their Quarts to the Committee on acc't for allowance

Voted that no one have no Liberty to run at Large the ensuing season

Voted that meat Cattle have no Liberty to run at Large on the Highways & Commons the ensuing season

Pound Keeper

Mr. John Butler Chosen to keep the Towns Pound the present year

1805 ⁵³ Annual March Meeting contin

March 11th Voted to Chose a Committee to settle A/c't between the Town & Town Treasurers & report a State of the Treasury

Mr. Samuel Tucker
Nehemiah Bennett Esq.
Col. Abel Washburn } Committee

Voted and allowed to Mr. Abraham Shad four Dollars as damage for the Towns taking fish at the Apasampsett brook the last year

Voted that the Inspectors at the new works be directed to attend at the Place & remove all Obstructions that may be in the way so that the fish may have a free passage up the stream & dam

Voted that two of the Inspectors at Robinsons Bridge be directed to remove or cause to be removed all Obstructions so that the fish may have a free passage at the above place

Voted to Chose Lt. Ichabod Wood to inspect the river from the Slitting mill (so called) to Bridge water river & to remove all Obstructions that may prevent the above fish from having a free passage up the river

Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to the first Monday in April one O'clock P.M.

Abel Stevens Town Clerk

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1805 Annual March Meeting by Adjourn.

April 1st The Annual March Meeting for 1805
by adjournment was taken up and the
following business done
Voted to excuse Capt John Norton as Moderator
and chose James Washburn Esq. Moderator
Voted to chose a Committee on accounts.

Mr Samuel Parker
Mr Elijah Shaw
Do Thos Sturtevant
Silvanus Tilton
Mr Herman Pierce
Wilks Wood Esq
Mr Luke Reed
Capt Eben Briggs
Capt John Norton
Committee
on accounts
for the year 1805

Voted to reconsider a former vote wherein the
Town voted that swine should not run at
large & voted that the swine have Liberty after
they are run at large ringed & yoked according to
Law

Voted that the poor man that keeps but
one cow have Liberty to let it run on the
high ways & commons the present year

Voted and Excused Lt Paul Hathaway from
being Inspector & chose Rufus Alden &
Mr Elijah Eaton for Prattle dam

Voted that the Select men sell to the lowest
 bidder the rights of the Poor the present
 year shall think proper

Voted & chose Capt Ebenezer as Agent
for the Town to join the agents of
Rochester in selling the Ariver
Quintus Book the present year

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1805 Annual March Meeting continued

April 1st at P. Meeting voted to chose a Committee
consisting of three to agree with the children
of Ebenezer Elmes Stephen Macomber and
Jonathan Hoar for the support of their said
Parents or Deal with them according to Law
James Washburn Esq
Wilks Wood Esq
Mays Peter Hoar
Committee

at P. Meeting voted & accepted of Lt Gensham
Foster as Constable in the room of Mr John Nelson
the P. Nelson being the P. Foster bondsman
also voted & accepted of Joseph Lebaron as constable
in the room of Capt Nelson Thomas the said

Thomas being the P. Lebaron's Bondsman
Voted & adjourned this Meeting to May
Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1805 Fall Meeting by Adjourn 1804

April 1st The fall meeting was taken up by adjournment
April 1st and Voted that the report of the
Committee on the request of Eben Norton
be postponed to the adjournment of this Meeting
also Voted to adjourn this meeting to May
Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1805 November Meeting by Adjourn

April 1st the P. meeting being taken up by adjournment
Capt Wm Thomson Moderator
Voted to adjourn the meeting to May
Meeting to be held at the Town House
at 4 o'clock P.M.
Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk for the Town

1805 ⁶⁶ April Meeting

April 1st at a Legal Meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Middleboro in Town meeting assembled April 1st 1805

Capt William Thomson Chosen Moderator at a Meeting Voted to oppose the petition of Mr Ebenezer Cobb & Capt Joshua Eddy & others respecting a road -

Voted to chose an agent to appear at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth the second Tuesday of April Instant to oppose the above petition

Chose Capt William Thomson agent Voted to Disolve this Meeting accordingly it is Disolved

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Annual March Meeting by Adjourn^t

April 1st at the adjournment of the Annual March Meeting the following Business was done

James Washburn Moderator Voted & accepted of the report of a Committee Chosen to appraise the damage that Jeremiah Thomas would Receive by a road running through his Land which is as follows -

wee The Subscriben being appointed to appraise the damage that Jeremiah Thomas Recoid by a roads being Laid out through his Land having met & attended to the business ask Leave to report that the said Jeremiah

Thomas Shall have Twenty Dollars as Damage
August 27 1804
\$20.00 Certificate Given
Isaac Wood } Committee
Ezra Harlow }
Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 ⁶⁷ Governor & Senators

April 1st The inhabitants of Middleborough being Legally assembled in Town Meeting April 1 1805 for the purpose of giving in votes for Gov. & Governor & Senators the votes were given in as follows - (viz)

Voted to Dispence with making the list of voters

	Votes	
Hon ^{ble} Caleb Strong Esq ^r	176	for Gov ^r
Hon ^{ble} James Sullivan Esq ^r	282	
Hon ^{ble} William Heath Esq ^r	265	for St. Gov ^r
Hon ^{ble} Edward H Robbins Esq ^r	151	

Senators	Votes	
Albert Smith Esq ^r	261	Senators
Nathan Willer Esq ^r	261	
Beyza Howard Esq ^r	123	
Isaac Thomson Esq ^r	123	

County Treasurer	Votes
Ephraim Spencer Esq ^r	200
Jesse Harlow Jun ^r	120

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

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1805 At the Adjourn^d of March meeting
 April 1st James Washburn Esqr Moderator
 The Town voted & accepted of the
 following report (viz)

The Subscribers & Committee Chosen by the
 Town of Middleborough to settle the accounts
 Between the said Town & George Morton their
 Late Treasurer, have attended that service &
 Beg leave to report as follows (viz)

That after considering and examining the
 Cash paid by said Treasurer for Orders &
 other debts of said Town and the money
 which he has received from sundry persons
 and the Balance due to said Town from said
 Treasurer on the Last Settlement we find
 now a Balance due from said Town to
 said Morton their said Treasurer \$2⁰⁰ 02

We also find in said Treasurers hands sundry
 small Notes & Demands which are of little or
 no value (viz)

Note against Ephraim Norcut	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do Joseph Pratt	3 ⁰⁰ 00
Do Do	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on John Weston	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on Chloe Bennett	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on Liba Eaton	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on George Pratt	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on Isaac Billington	2 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on John Norcut	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on Do	1 ⁰⁰ 00
Do on Lemuel Norcut	2 ⁰⁰ 00

The above Notes are not considered nor Entered on Book
 in the above Settlement but are Delivered over to the
 new Treasurer witness our Hands March 22nd 1805
 James Washburn
 Richard Bennett
 Samuel Tucker

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1805 Annual March Meeting by Adjourn^t
 May 8th The Annual March Meeting for 1805 continued
 by Adjournment was taken up May 8th 1805 & the
 following business done Capt John Norton Mod^r

For Viewers & field Drivers -
 Jonathan Harlow, Capt John Smith,
 Henry Strobridge, Mays Peter Hoar
 Capt Wm Pratt Elisha Rider Seth Eaton Jun^r
 Elijah Eaton Lechariah Weston

Surveyors of Lumber
 Israel Wood Capt William Thomson Capt Elkanah
 Pierce Jedediah Miller Capt Elisha Clark -
 Dr John Bennett Capt Calvin Pratt

Sything Men
 Capt Joshua Ledy, Bela Kingman, Joseph
 Hathaway, Hugh Montgomery, Thomas Nelson
 Josiah Leonard, Stephen Pierce Warren Clark

Hogreives
 Benjamin Barth Mark Haskell, Samuel Reed
 Daniel Darling Elmathan Wood Lemuel Cushman &
 Levi Pierce, Eben^r Briggs Churchill Thomas
 Perez Combs, Seth Hoar

House reeve
 Samuel Jackson Seth Eaton Dr Joseph Clark
 at a Meeting voted to allow \$4 on the pound
 for collecting the public money the present year
 then voted that the annual
 March Meeting for 1806 stand Adjourned to the
 fall meeting and to be holden at the Town House
 at a certain P. M. Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

Representatives to the General Court

1805 May 8th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being Legally assembled in Town meeting for the choice of Representatives May 8th 1805 Voted - to Chose four Representatives the present year

Then Voted by ballot & Chose the following Persons

Lt. John Vinkham Capt. John Norton Dr. Chillingworth Foster Mr. Levi Peirce	The Representatives for the ensuing year
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Voted to Dispose said Meeting
At Mr. Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Town Meeting May 8th 1805

May 8th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being Legally assembled in Town Meeting May 8th 1805 on the petition of Zephariah Weston Nathl. Thomson & others relative to removing the Town House

Capt. John Norton Moderator

Then Voted not to act on the second Paragraph inserted in the warrant

At a Meeting Voted to repair the Town house with the shingles at the door

Voted to Chuse a Committee to see to the repairs of the Town House and make such repairs as they shall think necessary -

Levi Vinkham James Sprout & Mr. Simon Loggett the Committee

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Voted that the People living near the Town House have the privilege of keeping school in S. House. Providing that they keep in repair the windows of S. House & others damages that may take place in consequence of school

Then Voted to adjourn S. Meeting to the Fall Meeting to be holden at the Town house
At Mr. Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Fall Meeting for 1804 by adjournment

May 8th The annual fall meeting taken up by adjournment May the 8th 1805 Capt. Wm. Thomson Moderator
Then Voted to adjourn said Meeting to the next fall meeting ensuing at 3 o'clock P.M. at the Town House
At Mr. Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Town Meeting November 5th 1804 by adjournment

May 8th November Meeting for 1804 taken up by adjournment May 8th 1805 Capt. Wm. Thomson Moderator
Then Voted to adjourn said Meeting to the fall meeting next to be holden at the Town house at 2 o'clock P.M.
At Mr. Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

May 8th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro May 8th 1805 Mr. Jonathan Washburn was appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to serve on the Grand Jury for the Supreme Court to be holden at Plymouth on the third Tuesday of May Instant - And Mr. Jacob Bennett & Capt. William Porter were appointed by drawing out of the box to serve on the petit jury at S. Court
At Mr. Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

At The Adjournment of March Meeting

1805 } Capt. John Morton Moderator the Town then
May 8 } voted & accepted of the following report (viz)
We the Subscribers Select men of the Town of Middleboro:
by the request of Samuel Cobb and others to lay out a
Road or highway beginning at an Oak Tree by the highway
near the Dwelling House of Baryllow Thomas and from
thence running North eighty one degrees East 20 rods thence
North 72 1/2 Degrees East over the Dam at Spring Brook by
the Shop of Elijah Thomas junr to the Dwelling house of
Nichols Wad 27 rods thence South 86 1/2 Degrees East 20
to Mr Samuel Cobbs Land 14 rods thence South 80 Degrees
East 30 rods which brings it 25 feet to the Southward of
said Cobb Corn house thus far the road is to be on the
North side of said line thence from the South East corner
of said Corn house Eastward by a board fence & half wall
Now Standing 26 rods thence South 87 Degrees East 9
Rods to Mr Moses Thomas Dwelling House to the
upper side of said Thomas Land mill then over
said Dam North 82 1/2 Degrees East 16 rods thence South
80 Degrees East 15 1/2 rods to the S.W. Corner of Mr
Josiah Leonard's orchard from Mr Cobbs Corn house
to this place we run on the North side of the road from
thence as the Land is now fenced & Road Road by S.
Leonard's Dwelling house and between S. Leonard's
and Moses Thomas Land to the line between S.
Leonard and Samuel Cobb 16 rods thence by S line
Easterly about 120 rods to the highway leading from
Middleborough to Wareham said road is to be
25 feet wide Excepting Nine rods between Mr
Samuel Cobbs homestead & Mr Moses Thomas Saw Mill
Dam by S. Mr Thomas Dwelling house where it is
to be Twenty feet wide

We the Subscribers agreeable to the Petition of the above
named persons meet on the Premises and laid the road or high-
way agreeable to their request we met with no opposition
from any of the owners of the Land & considered it to be
of Public Utility these our Doings we present to the
Town of Middleborough for their acceptance if they
see Cause

Middleboro Decemr John Morton } Selectmen
Samuel Pickens } Middleboro

Fall Meeting for 1805.

1805

Sept 16

The votable inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being legally assembled in Town Meeting September 16th
1805 being the Annual Fall Meeting

Voted to choose the Moderator by Nomination
Capt. John Morton chosen Moderator of Meeting
at said Meeting voted to raise the sum of two thousand
\$2500 five hundred Dollars on the Rateable Polls & Estates of
the inhabitants of said Town the present year to repay
the necessary charges arising in said Town the rateable
Estates to be taken in from the first day of May
next the assessments to be made & bills committed to
the Constables by the first Day of November next
And to be paid into the Treasury by the first Day
of April next.

at said Meeting voted to have the fish at the several
Fishing places taken by Agents the present year
Voted that there be one agent chosen to take the fish
at the Slitting mill (which & one at the Old Stone ware
And one for Appawampscot Brook

Voted that 3 agents be chosen by written ballot
Then proceeded to the choice of 3 agents & the following
Persons were chosen

1) Ebenezer Wilcox agent for the Slitting Mill
2) St. Anns Barrows for the Old Stone ware
Capt. Elias Samson for Appawampscot Brook

Then voted to allow 3 agents for taking the fish at the
Rate of one dollar & fifty cents for 24 hours actual
Service

Voted to direct 3 agents to pay into the Town Treasury
Every fourteen Days what money they receive for fish
in that time

Turn Over

1805

74 Fall Meeting brought Over

Sept. 16th at a Meeting to vote to choose a Committee of three to see that the alvivers have a free passage up & down the river in the ensuing season & to remove all obstructions they think may be in the way
 Mr. Noah Cushman Capt. W. M. Thomson & St. Abner Barrows the Committee

Then voted to Adjourn a Meeting to the third Monday in October at 1 o'clock P.M.
 Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the Town voted to Adjourn a Meeting to the third Monday in October and voted that it stand Adjourned to the second Wednesday in October Next at one o'clock P.M. at the Town House

Mst Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Annual March Meeting by Adjourn

Sept. 16th The Annual March Meeting was taken up by Adjournment Sept. 16 1805 and the following done - Capt John Morton Moderator
 at a Meeting voted & accepted of Warren Clark as Constable in the room of Esqr Samuel Cobb by D. Cobb being D. Clark's bondsman
 Voted to direct the Towns agent to Petition the Court of Sessions to Discontinue so much of a road laid out by their Committee as was across the land of Seth Morton Israel Eaton Esqr Eaton & Samuel Eaton be discontinued by D. Court.

Voted to Adjourn a Meeting to the second Wednesday in October Next at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Mst Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

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1805 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

Sept. 16th At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Sept. 16th 1805
 Capt Joshua Gedy & M^r Thomas Weston were appointed by drawing out of the box as the said Directs to serve on the Grand Jury for the Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth on the third Thursday of October next - & M^r Elijah Thomas & M^r Thomas Cushman were appointed by drawing out of the box to serve on the petit Jury at D. Court
 Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Town Meeting November 5th 1804 by Adjourn

Sept. 9th November meeting for 1804 was taken up by -
 Adjournment on the 9th of Oct^r 1805
 & dissolved Mst Siloⁿ Tillson Town Clerk

1805

Fall Meeting for 1804

Oct. 9th Annual Fall meeting for 1804 was taken up by Adjournment on the 9th of Oct^r 1805
 & voted to Dissolve a Meeting
 Mst Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805

Fall Meeting for 1805

Oct. 9th Annual Fall meeting for 1805 was taken up by Adjournment Oct^r 9th 1805
 Capt John Morton Moderator
 Voted to Adjourn a Meeting to next March Meeting at 10 o'clock forenoon to be holden at the Town House
 Mst Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

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1805 Annual March Meeting

Oct 9th The Annual March Meeting for the year 1805 being continued by Adjournment was taken up on the 9th of October 1805 & the following business done - Capt John Morton Mod^r -
Then Voted to Adjourn the meeting to the next March meeting at 12 O'clock or Noon to be holden at the Town House.
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1805 Jury Men for Nov^r Court

Nov 14th At a Legal Town Meeting held the 4th of Nov^r 1805 Ebenezer Jones & Barnabas Clark were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs petit Jurymen for Nov^r Court
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Grand Jurymen for the year 1806

March 3rd At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^r assembled March 3rd 1806 did then & there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs - Uriah Samson and Elijah Shaw Jurymen for the year

Thomas Washburn Calvin Tillson and Joshua Eddy Jun^r were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to serve as Petit Jury at April Court next to be holden at Plymouth the second Tuesday in Apr^l Month
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

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1805 Town Meeting Nov^r the 27th 1805

Nov 27th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Middleboro^r Nov^r 27th 1805 for the purposes of choosing an Agent & other business inserted in the Warrants &c

Voted to Chuse a Moderator by Nomination
Then Voted & made choice of Wilkes Woodbury Mod^r
Voted to Chuse an Agent to prosecute a suit brought against Daniel Lucas of Braintree in the County of Bristol for the support of a bastard Child by Experience Hackett a Pauper of the Town of Middleboro^r and to be left Discretionary with him the Agent to conduct the business as he shall think best for the Interest of the Town

Then Voted & made choice of Wilkes Woodbury the Agent
Then Voted that the same Agent be under the Direction of the Selectmen in calling on Polly Hoar to Reimburse the Expence which she has made the Town of Middleboro^r

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to take into consideration the Expediency of purchasing a small building of Capt John Morton for the use of the Town of Middleboro^r & the said Committee to appraise the Building & report to the Town their Opinion at the Adjournment of this Meeting
Neh^l Bennett Esq^r M^r Peter Hoar & S^r James Spruel the Committee

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Dec^r 2nd 1805 one O'clock P.M. at the Town House Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov^r 27th 1805 Taken up by Adjourn^t
Dec^r 2nd 1805 Wilkes Woodbury Moderator of the Meeting

The Chairman of the Committee chosen under the Warrant on the 27th Nov^r last made the following Report viz that it is not expedient for the Town to purchase the Building of Capt Morton mentioned in the Warrant - Then Voted to accept said Report
Voted that the Agent chosen to carry on the suit against Daniel Lucas be Directed to call on the Treas^r for what money is necessary to carry on the suit providing it does not exceed ²⁰ Dollars
Then Voted to Adjourn the Meeting
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjourn

1806

March 3^d The Annual March meeting for 1806 was taken up by Adjournment March 3^d 1806 And the following business done Capt. William Thomson Moderator Voted to dissolve P. meeting & the Moderator Declared it to be dissolved. At Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

Full Meeting by Adjourn

1806

March 3^d The Annual Full meeting for 1806 was taken up by Adjournment March 3^d 1806 And the following business done Capt. William Thomson Moderator Voted to dissolve P. meeting & the Moderator Declared it to be dissolved. At Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

At P. meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to sell or dispose of the alewives at Quakers Brook the present year & to call on the former Agents that have been chosen to sell or dispose of the alewives at the above Place for a Settlement of ^{their} Agency with P. Town

At P. meeting made choice of Mr Samuel Pichens agent for the above Purpose

At P. meeting Voted & Resolved Dr Abner Barrows from being Agent to take the alewives at the above Place for the present year Then Voted and made choice of Silas Thomas agent in the room of Abner Barrows Resolved

At P. meeting Voted That the Selectmen proceed to sell the support of the poor in the same way that did the last year Then Voted to Dissolve P. meeting & the Moderator Declared it Dissolved At Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting

1806

March 3^d The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being Legally assembled in Town meeting at the Town House on the 3^d of March 1806 for the Choice of Town Officers and other business inserted in the Warrant Proceeded to business in the following manner (viz)

Chose Capt. John Norton Moderator

Voted to Choose the Town Clerk Selectmen & Town Treasurer by written Ballot

Chose Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

The following Gentlemen were Chosen Selectmen (viz)

Capt. William Thomson	Selectmen
Inf. Samuel Cobb	
Capt. John Norton	for the
Mr Samuel Pichens	
Mr Luke Reed	Present year

Chose Mr Levi Pierce Town Treasurer

At P. meeting Voted that the Selectmen be the Assessors the present year

Voted to pass from the second article in the Warrant to the 12th on roads

Voted to Choose an agent for the Town of Middleborough

They Voted made choice of Capt. Wm Thomson

The Agent for the Town meeting Voted to Direct him the P. Agent to meet the Jury that Mr Jeddiah Miller shall bring on the road laid out by a Committee appointed by the Court of Sessions on the Petition of Capt George Vaughan & others & for him the P. Agent to Offere their being any alterations made on the Road & laid out as aforesaid

Voted to pass over the fourteenth article in the warrant And leave it in the hands of their Agent

Tom Orr

1806 Annual March Meeting brought over

March 31

Constables for the present year
Voted to choose the Constables by nomination & make choice of the following persons (viz)

Jack Barrows Vinal Lyon Elijah Eaton
Elijah Thomas Ezra Thomas Ard. Macomber
Isaac Holloway Samuel Robbins Mordcai Norton
Voted & elected Mordcai Norton from serving constable

Surveyors of Highways

Jonathan Thomas, Andrew Benson, Isaac Thomas
Nelson Wood, Noah Cushman, Samuel Tucker,
Rufus Weston, Job Alden, Samuel White,
Solomon Eaton, John Pickens, Earl Sears Angel Thomas
Mark Abaskell, Maj. Peter Hoar, Jabez Smith,
Zenas Smith, Shepard Bennett, Daniel Sawyer,
Ephraim W. Vaughan, Rufus Howland, Obed Griffiths
Israel Wood, Jonathan Cobb, Jesse Bryant jun.
George Williams, Daniel Vaughan & L. Leitch Weston
Samuel Briggs, Andrew Alden William Canady,
Hazard Tinkham & George Leonard, Capt. James Pierce
Levi Briggs, Wm. Thomson jun., Levi Bryant
Levi Cobb Israel Smith jun. Capt. Jacob Cushman,

Inspectors of Shewier

Voted to choose three Inspectors at Robinsons bridge
Silas Pickens
Samuel Briggs for Robinsons bridge
Maj. Peter Hoar

Earl Sears } for Pratt's Stream
Elijah Eaton }

1806 Annual March Meeting continued

March 31

Inspectors of Shewier continued
Joseph Biscoe } for the Shewier mill ditch
Jacob Cushman }

Silas Thomas } for the Old river & new water
Ebenezer Gammon }

John Hinder for Spanning Brook

Committee to settle with the Treasurer
At a meeting Voted to choose a Committee to settle with
Debit the Town & Town Treasurer & report a state of
the Treasury

W. Samuel Tucker
W. Thomas Weston
Wilks Wood Esq. Committee

Committee on Accounts

Voted & made choice of the following persons (viz)
W. Samuel Tucker, W. Elijah Shaw,
Inf. John Miller, Silvanus Wilcox,

W. Herman Pierce Wilks Wood Esq.
W. Duke Reed Capt. Ebenezer Briggs &

Maj. Peter Hoar the Committee

At a meeting Voted that the Selectmen shall not
draw any money on the Town Treasurer in favour of themselves
on any account, but shall present their accounts before
the Committee on acct. for allowance

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday
of April next 1 O'clock P.M.

At Silvanus Wilcox Town Clerk

1806 Annual March Meeting by adjournment

April 7th The Annual March meeting for 1806 was taken up by adjournment April 7th 1806 & the following business done Capt John Norton Mod^r
 Voted to proceed immediately to the choice of the Remaining Town Officers

① Voted & accepted of Capt Nath^l Wilder Jun^r Constable in the room of Vinal Lyon by said Lyons being his Bondsman

① Voted & accepted of Capt Nath^l Wilder Jun^r Constable in the room of Jacob Barrows by said Barrows being the S^r Wilder's Bondsman

① at S^r Meeting Voted & made choice of Galen Thomson Constable the present year

① Voted & requested S^r George Leonard from surveying of highways the present year & made choice of Thomas Pratt a Surveyor in his room

Hence Viewers & Field Drivers

① Jonathan Harlow, East Samson, Henry Shobridge, May Peter Moor, Capt William Pratt, Levi S^r Barron, Seth Eaton Jun^r, ~~John Barrett~~ Elijah Eaton S^r Zachariah Weston

Surveyors of Lumber

① Israel Ward, Capt W^m Thomson, Barnabas Clark, Isaac Rider, Capt Elisha Clark, S^r John Bonnet, Capt Calvin Pratt,

Tythingmen the present year

① Capt Joshua Eddy, Bela Kingman, Joseph Hathaway, Thomas Nelson, Josiah Leonard, W^m Shobridge, Henry Bishop, Abiel Booth

1806 Annual March Meeting Continued

Apr 9th

Hog Receives

① Dr Elisha Briggs, Silas Haskell, Samuel Reed, Daniel Darling, Nathan Eaton, Lenas Cushman, Levi Pierce, Eben^r Briggs, Churchill Thomas, Nath^l Finkham, Abiel Perry.

Horse receives

① Samuel Jackson, Seth Eaton, S^r Joseph Clark

Pound Keeper

① Voted and made choice of John Fuller to keep the Towns pound the present year

at S^r meeting Voted & excluded East Sears from serving as Justice of the Shewers at Pratts Dam & made choice of Seth Richmond Jun^r in the room of S^r Sears

① Voted to choose an Inspector at quins Brook & made choice of Abiel Nelson Inspector at S^r place

Voted to choose a Committee to repair to the Towns of Berkeley Saunton & Raysham & to ascertain the length of the Sims which they make use of in taking the Alewife fish & to inform themselves what number of Days in a week they are in play in taking said fish, & whether they take them Contrary to Law or not

① Capt John Norton M^r Samuel Pichens & Capt William Thomson the Committee

Voted that the Inspectors of the Alewives exhibit their acct^s before the Committee on acct^s of what time they spend inspecting S^r fish & to make oath to their acct^s if requested

① Voted & made choice of Jonathan Leonard Inspector of Alewives at Pratts Dam in the room of Elijah Eaton

① Voted to allow M^r Abraham Shaw four Dollars for the Towns taking the Alewives at Spawampset Brook the last year

1806.

Annual March Meeting by adj.

Apr. 7th

Brought Over

Voted to choose an Agent for the inspectors of the
Blowers to make Complaint with the person or
Persons who shall be found taking fish contrary
to Law at any place & for him the said Agent to
Prosecute such Offender by a due Course of Law
Voted & made choice of James Washburn Esq^r -
The Agents - at said meeting Voted
not to accept of the Deed which refers to the road
Laid out through the Land of Dr David Alden &
that the Selectmen be directed to go & agree with
Dr Alden to have the road straightened and to have it
Laid out thirty feet wide.

At P. Meeting Voted to raise the
Sum of two Thousand dollars on the ratable polls &
Estate of the Inhabitants of S. Town for the purpose
of making & repairing the highways & Bridges in
said Town the present year -
Then Voted to adjourn said meeting to May
Meeting at 12 O'clock at noon to be
Held at the Town House in S. Town
Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

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1806 Governor & Governor & Senators

April 7th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being Legally assembled in Town Meeting
April 7th 1806 for the purpose of giving their
Votes for Governor & Governor & Senators the votes
were given in as followeth (viz)

	Votes	
Hon ^{ble} Caleb Strong Esq ^r	104	for Governor
Hon ^{ble} James Sullivan Esq ^r	270	
Hon ^{ble} William Heath Esq ^r	2	
Hon ^{ble} Edward H Robbins Esq ^r	1	
Ephraim Spooner Esq ^r	1	for L ^t Governor
Hon ^{ble} William Heath Esq ^r	250	
Hon ^{ble} Edward H Robbins Esq ^r	130	
Senators		for Senators
Albert Smith Esq ^r	2230	
Nathan Willer Esq ^r	224	
Nathaniel Gaden Esq ^r	90	
Nahum Mitchell Esq ^r	97	
Isaac Thomson Esq ^r	2	
Boza Hayward Esq ^r	1	

County Treasurer		Votes
At a Legal Town meeting held by the Inhabitants of Middleborough April 7 th 1806 the votes were given in for County Treas ^r in the following manner (viz)		
Ephraim Spooner Esq ^r of Plymouth		06
County Register		
Propetor Cotton Esq ^r of Plymouth		46
Ephraim Spooner Esq ^r		2

Attest Silas Tillson Clerk of S. Middleborough

1806 Town Meeting April 7th 1806

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro held April 7th 1806 on the Petition of Nathaniel Bennett Esq. & others, & other business inserted in the Warrant;
 Voted to make choice of Capt Wm Thomson Moderator
 Then Voted to Adjourn said meeting to May -
 meeting to be held at the Town House at eleven o'clock A.M. of 3^d day that Silo^s Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting April 7th 1806 by adjournment

May 14th at a Legal Town meeting held April 7th 1806 was taken up by adjournment May 14th 1806 - and the following business done
 Capt Wm Thomson Moderator
 Voted that the Treasurer be directed to destroy a number of small notes in T. Treasurers hands in favour of the Town which are as follows viz
 Eph^m Norcut, Joseph Pratt, John Weston, Chloe Bennett, Lilla Eaton, George Pratt, Isaac Billington, John Norcut, Lemas Norcut, amounting to \$62.³³
 Voted that those persons which have accounts with the Town of a long standing to settle them within six months & if not done within that time the Treasurer is directed to Balance the Books
 At 3^d meeting Voted to pass over the third article in the Warrant for the present and respects the note of Note of Sam^l & Eben^m Morton
 At 3^d meeting Voted to choose a Committee to consist of three persons to examine into the situation of madmovers in the school district & Wapponuck school District with regard to taking a part of each school District & incorporating a new one as set forth in the petition of Nath^l Bennett Esq. & others & report to the Town at the adjourn^t Capt John Morton, Capt Wm Thomson, & Mr Sam^l Cobb, the Committee
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting 2 o'clock P.M. - Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Representatives to the General Court

May 14th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being Legally assembled in Town Meeting May 14th 1806 for the choice of Representatives to the General Court
 The present year - at 3^d meeting Voted to dispence with Relating a list of voters - Voted to divide the Town
 Then Voted to choose two persons to assist the selectmen in counting the people after they are paraded
 Rev^d David Gurney & Nath^l Bennett Esq. for the purpose
 Then Voted to choose four Representatives to Represent the Town at the General Court the present year
 131 against 200 in favour
 Then Voted that the Representatives be chosen by General Ticket and made choice of the following Gentlemen viz
 Dr John Tinkham had 209 votes & was Chosen
 Capt John Morton had 187 votes & was Chosen
 Mr Levi Peirce had 201 votes & was Chosen
 Dr Chillingworth Foster had 165 votes & was Chosen
 Attest Silo^s Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

At a Legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro May 14th 1806
 Capt Lemas Wood was appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to serve on the Grand Jury at the Supreme Court next to be held at Weymouth on the third Tuesday of May Instant
 And Mr John Miller Jun^r & Mr Joseph Hathaway were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Tryals at 3^d Court
 Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 ⁸⁸ Annual March Meeting by adjournment

May 14th The annual March Meeting for 1806 was taken up by adjournment May 14th 1806 & the following business Done Capt John Norton Mod.

At S. Meeting voted & accepted of the Doing their Committee sent to inspect the aluiver fishery at Berkley Taunton & Raynham so far as they proceeded.

At S. Meeting voted to allow & pay Mr Jesse Bryant the sum of \$2.50 Less Dollars & fifty cents for the Towns taking the aluiver at the Sliding mill ditch in the year 1805

Voted At S. Meeting to choose a Committee of three persons to take into consideration the expediency of a Division of School district No. 14 or fall brook School district (so called) or make any other alterations they shall think necessary for the advantage of S. School district & report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting —

S. John Tinkham
Dr. Perez Thomas } the Committee
Mr Martin Keith

At S. Meeting voted & choose Capt Wm Thomson Surveyor of Highways the present year —

Voted & choose Jonathan Kinney a Surveyor of Highways —

At S. Meeting voted that Swine shall have Liberty to run at Large the ensuing season Ringed & yoked according to Law —

Voted that neat cattle shall not run at Large on the Highways & Commons the present year

Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the Town voted that

neat cattle should not run at Large & Voted that no person shall turn his creatures on the Commons that is neat cattle the ensuing season unless liberty first had from the Selectmen of S. Town —

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town Meeting at 1 o'clock P.M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1806 ⁸⁹ Town Meeting August 21st 1806

August 21st A Legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of (The Town of Middleborough) held at the Town House August 21st 1806. Voted to choose the Moderator

by Nomination & made choice of Capt John Norton Moderator of S. Meeting

At S. Meeting voted to choose an agent for & in Behalf of S. Town to defend a suit brought against (The Town of Middleborough, by the Town of Plymouth) for the support of Abner Morse &c —

Voted to choose S. agent by Nomination &c made choice of Wilks Wood Esq. the Agent —

Voted that the Treasurer of S. Town be directed to furnish said Agent with Twenty Dollars, to enable him to defend the suit brought against the Town by the Town of Plymouth by S. Agents being accountable to S. Town for the expenditure of the same

At S. Meeting voted that the Selectmen be directed to repair to the land petitioned for by Capt James Peirce & others for a road & if they think it expedient to have a road as petitioned for to proceed & lay it out & assess Damages &c — (And report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting their proceedings)

Voted that the above Meeting be adjourned to the eleventh day of August & Instant at 3 o'clock P.M. to be holden at the Town House in S. Town

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1806

Annual March Meeting by adjt

Aug. 23rd The Annual March Meeting for 1806 was
taken up by adjournment August 24th 1806.

X Capt. John Morton Moderator
And Voted to adjourn S. Meeting to the next Town
Meeting at 3 o'clock P. M. to be holden at the Town
House in said Town. Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clk.

1806

Town Meeting April 7th by adjournment

Aug. 23rd At a legal Town Meeting held April 7th 1806
was taken up by adjournment August 24th 1806.

① Capt. W. Thomson Mod.
And Voted to adjourn S. Meeting to the next
Town Meeting to be holden at the Town House in
S. Town at 2 o'clock P. M.
Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clk.

1806

Jurymen for August Court

August 23rd At a legal Town meeting of the inhabitants
of the Town of Middleboro August 23rd 1806

① John Townsend, and Elijah Macomber were
Appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law
Directs to serve on the petit jury for
August Court. Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clk.

1806

Town Meeting August 11th 1806

August 11th At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
of Middleborough in Town Meeting on Monday the
11th day of August 1806 the following business done.

① Voted to Choose the Moderator by Nomination - And made
Choice of Capt. John Morton Moderator of S. Meeting.

Voted to act on the second article in the Warrant
Then Voted to Choose a Committee to inquire into the
Circumstances relating to the Suit brought by Ellis
Harlow against the Assessors of S. Town.

X Voted that the Committee consist of three persons &
made Choice of the following Gentlemen.

Wills Wood Esq., Nehemiah Bennet Esq., & Capt.
Joshua Eddy, the Committee did to make report to the
Town their Opinion at the adjournment of the meeting
which stands adjourned for half an hour.

The meeting was then taken up by adjournment and
Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee which
were Chosen to take into consideration the Circumstances

Relating to the Suit brought by Ellis Harlow against
the Assessors of S. Town - which report was to obtain
a Continuance of S. Action & to adjourn the meeting
for a further investigation on the Subject.

At S. Meeting Voted by S. Town to indemnify the
Assessors in the Suit brought by Ellis Harlow against
the S. Assessors. Then Voted to adjourn

this meeting to the next Town Meeting 2 o'clock P. M.
to be holden at the Town House.

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clk.

1806 Town Meeting by Adjournment

August 11th A Town Meeting held August 4th 1806 was
Taken up by Adjournment August 11th 1806
And the following business done

- ① Capt John Morton Mod.
- ② Voted not to accept of the report of a Road laid
out by the Selectmen on the petition of Capt
James Pierce & Others.

At S. Meeting Voted to reconsider the vote wherein
③ The Town Voted not to accept of the report of a
Road laid out by their Selectmen.

And then Voted to accept of the report of a road
laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Capt.
James Pierce & Others as pray for in the petition.
Voted to Adjourn S. Meeting to the Next Town
Meeting Sat. 4 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

August 11th The Annual March meeting for 1806 was
Taken up by Adjournment August 11th 1806
Capt John Morton Mod.

And Adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 3
O'clock P.M. at the Town House

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting continued by Adjournment

August 11th A Town Meeting held April 7th 1806 was taken
up by Adjournment August 11th 1806

Capt W. Thomson Moderator and by Vote Adjourned
to the next Town Meeting at 3 O'clock P.M.
at the Town House - Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

Sept. 22nd A Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
Middlebury Sept. 22 1805.

- ① Mr. Jonas Cushman & S. Seth Miller Junr. were appointed
by Drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on
the Grand jury for the Supreme Court next to be holden at
Plymouth on the second Saturday of October next.
- ② And William Hear, Capt John Morton, & Capt Southwick Ellis,
were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law
directs to serve on the jury of Jurors at S. Court.

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting continued by Adjournment

Sept. 22 A Town Meeting held April 7th 1806 was taken up
by Adjournment September 22 1806. And the following
business done - Capt William Thomson Moderator
① Voted and accepted of the report of a Committee
chosen by the Town to view the situation of Madamawamuck school
District & Wapshammet school district with regard to taking
a part of each district & incorporating a new one which
report is on file with the Town papers.

Then by Vote dissolved S. Meeting

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Annual March Meeting by adjournment

Sept. 22nd The Annual March Meeting for 1806 was
Taken up by Adjournment September 22 1806.

James Washburn Esq. Moderator

And then by Vote adjourned said meeting to the
next Town Meeting to be holden at the Town
House in S. Town at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting by Adjournment

Sept. 22nd A Town Meeting held August 14th 1806, was taken up by adjournment Sept. 22nd 1806. And the following business done.

James Washburn Esq. Mod.

Then by Vote Adjourned said meeting to the next Town Meeting to be held at the Town House in S. Town at 4 o'clock P.M.

West Silvanus Tillson, Town Cler.

1806 Town Meeting by Adjournment

Sept. 22nd A Town Meeting held August 11th 1805, was taken up by adjournment Sept. 22nd 1806.

James Washburn Esq. Mod.

Then by Vote Adjourned said meeting to the next Town Meeting to be held at the Town House at 5 o'clock P.M.

West Silvanus Tillson, Town Cler.

1806 Fall Meeting for the year 1806

Sept. 22nd At a legal meeting of the votable inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Town House.

Sept. 22nd 1806. And the following business done.

James Washburn Esq. Chosen Moderator of meeting.

At said meeting votes to sell the privilege of taking the Murre Fish at the several fishing places in S. Town, at public auction to the highest bidder.

Voted to choose a Committee to draw articles and Regulations under which said fish shall be sold. The Committee to consist of three & made choice of the following Gent. (viz) Capt. William Thomson, W. Litch, Esq. & Mr. Cyrus K. Keith. The Committee have after short deliberation they report as followeth (viz)

The Committee appointed to report articles of sale and Regulations under which the Murre Fish shall be sold at public Auction report as follows (viz)

- 1. The purchasers shall procure bondsmen acceptable to the Town for the payment of the purchase money which notes shall be signed before the meeting.
- 2. To be dissolved - One half of the purchase money shall be paid on or before the first day of June next & the other half shall be paid on or before the first day of July next, if not paid then interest after - The said Murre Fish shall be sold by the

Purchasers at the rate of five score to the Hundred. The purchasers shall take upon themselves the duties & shall be vested with the powers of Inspectors of said fish, but shall not receive pay as Inspectors - Middleborough, Sept. 22nd 1806

William Thomson,
Cyrus K. Keith, Committee
Zach. Eddy

1806. Fall Meeting for 1806 brought over.

Sept. 22. At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the report

Of the Committee chosen to draw articles & regulations
of the Sale of the Alewife fish.

Then Voted to choose a Vendue Master to sell &
dispose of the privileges of taking the fish at the

Several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing season,
and to proceed to the sale of S. fish immediately.

Then by Vote made choice of Thomas Stewart Jr.
Vendue Master.

Voted that the word Bonds in the articles of sale be
struck out & the word notes inserted in their room.

Plotting Mill privilege sold to Gorham Wood
for the sum of \$150.00

Old Stone Ware sold to Gorham Wood
for the sum of \$142.00

Shawamport brook sold to James Washburn Esq.
for the sum of \$64.00

At S. Meeting the Town by Vote accepted of
E. Abner Barrows Jr. & Jacob Barrows as
Bondsmen to Gorham Wood.

By Vote accepted of Samuel Briggs as bondsman
to James Washburn Esq.

Voted that the purchasers of the Several fishing
places in S. Town be a Committee with full
power to see that the alewife fish have a free
passage up the river & dams in S. Town the ensuing
Season & to remove all obstructions to effect the
same.

Voted not to give the selectmen any instructions for laying
out a road on the petition of Robert Stewart and
Others.

1806. Fall Meeting continued

Sept. 22. At S. Meeting Voted to choose an agent to prosecute

The Town of Bridgewater for the Support of William Burr
a pauper of said Bridgewater unless they will come forward &
settle with the Town of Middleborough for the Support of the said
William. Then by Vote made choice of Nicholas Wood Esq.
Agent for the above purpose.

At S. Meeting Voted to raise the sum of three thousand
\$3000. Dollars on the polls & rateable Estates of the inhabitants

of S. Town the present year to defray the necessary
charges arising in S. Town, the rateable Estates to
be taken in from the first day of May last the
Assessment to be raised & bills committed to the several
Constables by the first of November next and to be
Paid in to the Treasury by the first day of April
next.

At S. Meeting Voted and directed their Treasurer to
Issue his execution, against all delinquent Constables
who do not settle with him by the first day of
May next.

Then by Vote dissolved S. Meeting.
Eliot Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleborough to settle accounts between said Town and M^r. Levi Peirce their Treasurer & report the state of the Treasury having performed that service ask leave to report as follows (viz)...

- 1st That there is a balance upon money received more than paid out since the last settlement now remaining in S^r. Treasurers hands \$27. 57
- 2^d That there is due to the Town from Genham Foster Constable for 1805 } 127. 00
- 3^d And from Sam^l. Cobb Constable for 1805 } 74. 57
- Also from Elijah Alden Constable for 1805 } 36. 75
- 3rd That there is a balance due from sundry Persons on the Town Books to the amount of } 19. 22
- 4th That there is due to said Town on a Note from James Washburn Esq^r & Robert Gushman } 56. 22
- Also a Note due from Sam^l. & Eben^r. Morton } 99. 39
- Also a Note due from Genham Wood & others } 70. 3
- Also a Note due from Lem^l. Briggs & others } 59. 94
- And a Note due from Eben^r. Wilder } 16. 90
- 5th We find Balances due to sundry Persons on Town Books to the amount of } \$413. 52
- We find to said Town from Nathan Alden \$306. } \$484. 07
- We find the average expence for the two last years to be } \$2406. 00
- We find the whole expence inclusive of Roads for the two last years to be \$4792 and of said expence there has been Paid } \$4046
- 748 Balance against said Town

All which is Submitted Sept^r. 22. 1806

Samuel Tucker } Committee of S^r. Town
Wilkes Woods } to settle accounts with
Thomas Weston } the Treas^r

1806 Town Meeting October 7th 1806

Octob^r. 7th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting on Tuesday the 7th Day of October 1806 the following Business Done -
Voted to Choose the Moderator by Nominations and Made Choice of Capt. W^m. Thomson, Mod^r.

At S^r. Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to appear at Plymouth at the Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth in behalf of S^r. Town to answer to an Indictment wherein the Town stands indicted for not clearing the roads of snow & for him the S^r. Agent to settle with the Common wealth on as reasonable Terms as he possibly can. Then Voted to Choose said Agent by Nomination and Made Choice of Wilkes Wood Esq^r. Then Voted that the same Agent be directed to take the care of one other Indictment wherein the Town stands indicted for not keeping up Guide posts agreeable to Law & that the said Agent use his discretion in settling said indictment on the best possible Terms for S^r. Town.

Voted to Choose a Committee to report to the Overseers of the poor what poor persons in their respective Districts are entitled to receive Herrings from the Town gratis. And made Choice of the following Gentl^{en}. M^r. Samuel Tucker, S^r. John Bennet, S^r. George Leonard, Esq^r. Sam^l. Cobb, Capt. Nelson Thomas, M^r. Eben^r. Jones, S^r. Isaac Holloway, Capt. Elias Samson, M^r. Edward Cole, The Committee.

At S^r. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to draw instruction in the form of a bill for the representatives relative to having a Law made regarding out how poor prisoners shall be supported who are imprisoned on Civil process. Voted the Committee consist of three & made Choice of Capt. W^m. Pratt, Capt. W^m. Thomson & Wilkes Wood Esq^r. Voted & Granted the above Committee & that the Representatives use their discretion on the subject as it relates to having a Law made as above contemplated.

100
1806 Town Meeting brought Over.

Oct. 7th } At S. Meeting Voted and directed Wilkes Woodson
Agent for the Town of Middleboro. to call on the
Treasurer of S. Town for Twenty Dollars to enable him
to settle the Indebtedness wherein the Town stand.
Indited &c by him the S. Agents being accountable
to the Town for the Expenditure of the Same.
Voted and directed the above S. Agent to call on the
Delinquent Surveyors (viz) Capt. Ezra Harlow &
Abisha J. Clark to reimburse the money to S. Town
for the expenses which S. Town has incurred by the
Roads not being cleared of snow in their respective
Districts.

Then by Vote Adjourned this Meeting to the next
Town Meeting at the Town House 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Silvanus Willson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting by Adjournment.

Oct. 7th } A Legal Town Meeting held August 11th 1806
was taken up by Adjournment October 7th 1806.
Capt. John Norton Moderator

Voted at S. Meeting and directed the Overseers of
the poor to remove Sam^l. Thomas & family to
Middleboro. as soon as may be convenient and
for them the S. Overseers to use their discretion
in the removal of the S. Sam^l. & Family.

Then by Vote Dissolved S. Meeting

Attest Silvanus Willson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting by Adjournment

Oct. 7th } A Town Meeting held August 2nd 1806 was taken
up by Adjournment October 7th 1806.
Capt. John Norton Moderator

And adjourned to the next Town Meeting at the Town
House 4 o'clock P.M. Attest Silvanus Willson Town Clerk

101
1806 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment.

Oct. 7th } The Annual March Meeting for 1806 was taken
up by Adjournment October 7th 1806.
Capt. John Norton Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted that the report of the Select-
men of a road laid out through the Land of Dr. David
Allen be suspended for the present.

Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen for
Road laid out by the request of Edmund West, &c.

Then by Vote Adjourned said meeting to the next Town
Meeting at the Town House in S. Town 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Silvanus Willson Town Clerk

Representative to Congress

Nov. 3 At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, duly qualified to vote for Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth, held at the Town House in said Town, on the 3 day of November being the first Monday in said Month 1806.

Then by Vote for the following persons to Represent the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Second Southern District were given in as follows (viz)

- Reverend Joseph Barker - 101
Nathan Mitchell Esq. - 53
Nathan Willis Esq. - 1
Abel Silvanus Tillson Clerk of said Town

1805 Jurymen for November Term

Nov. 3 At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, assembled at the Town House in said Town November 3. 1805.

Did then & there appoint by drawing out of the Box at the Law Office in Samuel Bates & William Drake to serve as Jurors at November Term, next to be holden at Plymouth. Abel Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting August 1st by Adjournment

Nov. 3 A Town Meeting continued by adjournment from August 1st 1806 was taken up Nov. 3. 1806

Then by Vote of said Town Meeting Capt. John Norton Moderator Abel Silvanus Tillson Clerk of said Town

1806 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

Nov. 3 The Annual March Meeting for 1806 being continued by Adjournment to this time was taken up Nov. 3. 1806 & the following business done

- 1. Then by Vote of said Town Meeting Capt. John Norton Moderator Voted & accepted of the report of the Selectmen of a road laid out through the Lane of S. West Allen. Then Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to advertise of Mr. Alden of the Lane to the Town Road. Then Voted to adjourn said Meeting to next Town Meeting. At said Meeting Voted to adjourn said Meeting & to take it up again. At said Meeting Voted & accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to build a school in District No. 14 or fall break district which report is recorded in Book No. 2 folio 10.

Then by Vote adjourned said Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be holden at the Town House at 3 o'clock P.M. Abel Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1806 Town Meeting October 7th 1806

Nov. 3 A Town Meeting held October 7th 1806 continued by adjournment to November 3. 1806 was

Then taken up Capt. John Norton Moderator The Town then by Vote adjourned said Meeting Abel Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1807 Annual March Meeting & adjourn^t

March 23^d The Annual March Meeting for 1846 was
this day taken up by Adjournment and the following business
Done
Capt. William Thomson Moderator

Capt. William Thomson Moderator

At a Meeting of the Town of Fallows & pay Mr. Lewis Pierce
* \$15 - their Treasurer fifteen Dollars for his Services as Treasurer
for the year 1806.

Voted to allow \$4 in the sum for Collecting the public money for the year 1866

At a Town Meeting held & reconsidered a former vote wherein
the Town voted & accepted of the report of a Committee chosen
by the Town to divide School District No. 14 or Fall brook
School District.

Voted I made Choice of Capt. W. Thomson, Agents
to meet the jury that W. Jeddiah Miller shall bring
on the road laid out by a Committee from the Court of
S. psons on the petition of Capt. George Vaughan to
Othello with the same instructions he has last year -
Then by Voted L. S. S. Meeting

Shen by Voted Lysol's S. Meeting

Robert Silas Tillman, Youngs Bay, Wash.

1877. Grand Jurymen for the year 1877.

March 2^d At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
of Middleborough Legally assembled in Town meeting
March 2^d 1806. Did then appoint by Consenting
out of the box as the Law directs

Sir: Silvanus Thomas & Lord Anson Alwood, to
serve as Grand Jurymen for the year 1891

Mr. Rufus Allen, & Mr. Israel Simkham, were
Appointed by drawing out of the box as the Jury
Directors to serve as petit jury at the next April
Term to the holders at Plymouth on the second
Tuesday of said month.

West Silo. Sullivan Town Clerk

1807 Annual March Meeting for 1807.

March 2^d } the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being Legally
Assembled in Town Meeting at their Town House in said Town
on Monday the 2^d day of March 1807 - for the Choice of
Town Officers & other business inserted in the warrant. and
Proceeded to business in the following manner -

At this Meeting Voted to Choose the Moderators by Nominations,
and made choice of Capt. Wm. Thompson Moderator.

✓ Voted to Choose the Town Clerk by written vote.

✓ Peter and Chas. Silvanus Tullson, 1846 (S.W.)

Voted to Discontinue with reading the List of Voters at this Meeting - Voted to proceed to the Choice of Treasurers

Voted to proceed to the Choice of Treasurer.

Then proceeded to the Choice of Selectmen & made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Capt. William Thomson,

Em.ⁿ Samuel Cobb

May^r Petet Hoat.

Mr. Samuel Pickens.

Capt. Calvin Pratt

Selection

✓ Voted & Excused Capt. Wm. Shannan from serving as one
of the selectmen the present year.

Ref'd & Exam'd Ensign Samuel Cobb from serving as one of
the Selectmen the present year.

Voted and made choice of Mr. Joseph Cushman Collector
of the annual Contributions who was recorded.

Not an even choice of Lieut. Seth Miller of Shelburne
in the room of Dr. Cobb who was excused.

• The first

At our meeting voted that the Selectmen be the
Assessors the present year.

Turn Road

1807. Annual March Meeting brought over

March 23. Constables for the present year. —

Meridian Norton, Luther Mardock, Jacob Perkins,
 Ira Benson, William Shadock, Saml. Miller Junr.
 Thomas Pickens, Luther Washburn, Nathl. Bump.

Surveyors of Highways

Jonathan Thomas, Warren Clark, Elisha Thomas, —
 Lemiam Cashman, Meridian Norton, Isaac Pratt,
 Salmon Washburn, Solomon Eaton, Silas Pickens.
 William Richmond, Capt. Thomas Bennett, Capt.
 Ebenezer Briggs, Benajah Pierce, Elisha Coy.
 Thomas Chamberlain, Shepard Bennett, John Samuel,
 John Vaughan, Capt. Elkanah Pierce, Capt. Eli Atwood.
 Silas Thomas, Ebenezer Smith, Esq. Edward Thomas,
 Hugh Montgomery, Esq. Daniel Vaughan.
 Abraham Thomas, Abel Terry, Seth Allen, Capt.
 Elisha Briggs, Jonathan Harlow, Maj. Wm. Bourne,
 Meman Pierce, Isaac Scalloway, S. Solomon Thomson,
 Calvin Tillson, Lewis Cobb, Joseph Maxham,
 Joseph Bump, Peleg Hackel, Elijah Allen.

Inspectors of Houses

Gatham Wood, James Washburn Esq.
 Thomas Ware at the sliding mill ditch.
 Silvanus Bennett at Stone Ware
 Christopher Hammond at Spawmet brook

Committee to settle with the Treasury

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treas.
 Pierce that former Treasurer & report to the Town the
 state of the Treasury & make choice of the following
 Gentl. Mr. Samuel Sucker, Wilkes Wood Esq.
 Isaac Thompson Esq. } the Committee to the
 } to settle the Books
 } to the next year.

1807 Annual March Meeting Continued

March 23. Committee on Accounts

Mr. Samuel Sucker, Mr. Elijah Shaw, Esq. John
 Miller, Silvanus Tillson, Meman Pierce.
 Wilkes Wood Esq. Mr. Luke Reece Mr. Saml. Briggs
 Maj. Peter Hest the Committee.

Voted to pass to the next article in the warrant

Voted that great Cattle shall not run at large on
 the highway & Commence the present year

At said Meeting Voted to sell at public Vendue
 the Lowest bid (in Cash) the support of all poor
 persons that now are chargeable to the Town, for the term
 of one year from the second Monday in April next together
 with all other persons that may become chargeable toward
 Town within that period including Doctors Bills &c.

Then Voted to choose a Committee of three, who are
 directed to draw a list of the poor
 of said Town & a plan of articles of sale for the support
 of said poor as they in their wisdom shall think proper.

And most conducive for the interest of said Town, which
 plan the Committee are requested to report at the adjournment
 of this meeting then made choice of the following
 Gentlemen the Committee James Washburn Esq.
 Wilkes Wood Esq. Capt. Joshua Eddy.

At said Meeting Voted that Cattle shall not have Liberty
 to run at large on the highway & Commence the ensuing season,
 Voted that the Meeting stand adjourned to the first
 Monday in April next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1807 Annual March Meeting 1807

April 6th The Annual March Meeting for 1807 continued by adjournment was taken up April 6th 1807 -
 And the following business done -

At 3rd meeting voted to choose a seat for 3rd meeting in the room of Capt Wm Thomson who was absent

✓ Voted to choose the Moderator by Nomination and made choice of Mr. Peter Hoar Mod^r

At 3rd meeting accepted of John Thomas Constable in the room of Asa Benson by his being the Thomas' handman

✓ Voted & accepted of Ezra Thomas as Constable in the room of Wm Shaw by the said Shaw being the said Thomas' handman

✓ Voted & accepted of the reports of the Committee chosen to settle with Mr. Levi Pierce their late Treas^r

At 4th meeting by vote presented their thanks to Mr. Levi Pierce their late Treas^r for his services as Treas^r for the year 1805 which were given to the Town gratis

Hence Vicars & field Drivers

✓ Jonathan Harlow, Carl Samson, Henry Strobbridge, Mr. Peter Hoar, Capt. William Pratt, Shannajah Robbins, Seth Eaton, Elijah Eaton, Levi Zebariah Weston

Surveyors of Lumber

✓ Israel Wood Capt. Wm Thomson, Barnabas Clark, Elisha Rider Capt. Elisha Clark, Levi John Bennett Capt. Calvin Pratt

Fythingmen for the present year -

✓ Capt. Joshua Oddy, Elijah Eaton, Joseph Hathaway, Thomas Nelson, Asa Pierce, Wm Strobbridge, Joseph Maxham, Abiel Booth

1807 Annual March Meeting continued

April 6th

Hagrieves

✓ Gilford Booth, Selas Haskell, Samuel Reed, Capt. Wm Thomson, Nathan Eaton, Linas Cushman, Mr. Wm Bourne, Zebariah Eddy, John Hinds, Martin Keeth, L. Daniel Smith &c

At said meeting voted to reconsider the vote wherein the Town voted that Swine should not run at large

✓ And voted that they have liberty to run at large after the first day of June next ringed & yoked according to Law

✓ Voted & excused Jacob Perkins from serving Constable

✓ And made choice of Simon Backus Constable in the room of Jacob Perkins excused

✓ Voted & excused Capt. Elnah Pierce from serving

✓ Surveyor of Highways the present year

✓ Then by vote made choice of Samuel Woodland Surveyor of Highways

Housekeepers

✓ Samuel Jackson, Asa Perkins, L. Joseph Clark

Townd Keepers

✓ At 5th meeting by vote made choice of Mr. John Fuller to keep the Towns pound the present year

At 5th meeting by vote made choice of Mr. Samuel Perkins Agents to assess of the assessed at Quittance book the ensuing season

✓ Voted that this meeting stand adjourned for two hours said meeting being taken up agreeable to adjourn

And voted that this meeting stand adjourned to Monday the 13th of April instant at three

O'clock in the Morning at the Town House in said Town

Attest Silvanus Wilson Town Clerk

1807 Town Meeting held April 6th 1807

April 6th At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' held on Monday the 6th day of April 1807 the following Business was done

- 1 Voted to choose the Moderator by Nomination by Vote made choice of James Washburn Esq. Mod.
- Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant for the present

At said meeting Voted to choose an agent to appear at Plymouth at the Court next to be holden at Plymouth to answer to a citation from the Clerk of S. Court on the presentment of the Grand Jury for a bad road in the Town of Middleborough then by Vote made choice of James Washburn Esq. the agent

At said meeting Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to settle with Dr. Elisha Briggs on such terms as they shall think reasonable and if they take it upon him to defend the suit brought against the Town by the Dr. Briggs

Voted that the 5th Article in the warrant for this meeting respecting the requests of Eben. Northwode be omitted

Voted to pass over the sixth article in the warrant till after Governor's meeting

Voted this meeting stand adjourned till after Governor's Meeting & then Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to Monday the 13th day of April Instant

At twelve o'clock at noon at the Town house in S. Town

Attest S. D. Wilson Town Clerk

1807 Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators

April 6th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 6th day of April 1807 for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators the Votes were given in as follows

For		Votes	
The Hon James Sullivan Esq.	296	For Governor	
The Hon Caleb Strong Esq.	182		
Hon. William Heath Esq.	2		
Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq.	2		
Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq.	1		
Seth Sprague Esq.	1		

Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq.	254	For Lieut. Governor	
Hon. Edward H. Robbins Esq.	141		

Senators		Votes	
Seth Sprague Esq. Duxbury	217	For Senators	
Nathan Willis Esq.	217		
Ephraim Spooner Esq.	130		
Nathan Mitchell Esq.	130		

County Treasurer

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' April 6th 1807 the votes for a County Treasurer were given in as follows

Ephraim Spooner Esq.	100
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Attest S. D. Wilson Town Clerk

1807. Annual March Meeting by adjourn.
 April 13th The Annual March Meeting for 1807 continued
 by adjournments to April 13th 1807 was taken
 up agreeable to the adjournment & the following
 Business Done.

Mrs. Peter Ward Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted to raise the sum of Two
 \$2500. Thousand & five hundred Dollars on the polls & rateable
 Estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the
 Present year for the purpose of amending & repairing the
 Highways & Bridges in said Town.

Voted that the Selectmen be Directed to see that the Statute
 of this Commonwealth be complied with respecting the
 Surveyors of Highways.

At S. Meeting Voted that the money raised in said Town the
 Present year for the purpose of amending and repairing the
 the Highways & Bridges be expended in the following Manner

At S. Meeting Voted that all the work done on the Highways
 before the first day of July next shall be allowed at the
 following rate by the Town.

Voted to allow for a man & a yoke of oxen 10^{cts} per
 day for all the work done on the Highways & Bridges before
 the first day of July next and all the work done on the
 Highways after that period shall be allowed for a man seven cents
 for a horse & a yoke of oxen seven cents by the hour
 for a horse cart & plough to be left to the Discretion of
 the Appraisers to fix the price per Day or Hour as
 they shall think proper.

At S. Meeting Voted to give \$10 in the pound for Collecting
 the public money the present year.

Voted to Consent with the Abolitionary & others in petitioning
 the Court of Sessions respecting the ordering & carrying
 a piece of wood in said Town as pray for in the
 Petition.

1807. Annual March Meeting for 1807 continued

April 13th At S. Meeting Voted & Accepted of report of the
 Committee Chosen by the Town to draw a plan of articles of
 Sale for the Support of the poor in said Town the present
 year &c. Voted this meeting stand adjourned for fifteen
 Minutes. Said meeting being taken agreeable to adjournment.

Then Voted to proceed to sell at public Auction the support
 of the poor this day in Town Meeting agreeable to the report
 of the Committee.

Then Selectmen Appointed Mrs. Peter Ward Vendue
 Master.

Then proceeded to the Sale of the poor & Daniel Weston
 being the lowest bidder the said Vendue Master declared
 that the Support of the poor of said Town for one year commencing
 on the second Monday of April instant was sold to him
 the said Daniel Weston agreeable to the plan exhibited for
 the sum of thirteen hundred & thirty Dollars \$1330.00

Voted & Accepted D^r Thomas Starbuck & D^r Joseph Clark
 as bondsmen to the said Daniel Weston for the faithful
 discharge of the Duties aforesaid.

At S. Meeting by Vote made Choice of Oliver Price
 to receive the present year.

Voted to Choose an Inspector of the alewife fish at quoniam
 brook & made Choice of D^r Elisha Haskell Inspector
 at said brook the ensuing Season.

Voted to Choose an Inspector of the alewife fish at the
 New works & by Vote made Choice of John Burdett
 Inspector at the above said place
 for the ensuing Season.

Then by Vote Adjourned this meeting to Next May meeting
 to be held at the Town Hall.

Attest Thomas Wilson Town Clerk

The Support of the poor belonging to the Town of Middelbrough shall be offered by the Overseers of the Poor thereof to such Purchaser Belonging to S. Town as will undertake to provide for the same. For the Least sum on the following terms. - (viz)

The purchaser shall provide for the suitable & comfortable Support of all persons on the present pauper List. together for all others who now have or shall have a right to demand Support or assistance and for which S. Town are or may be liable before the second Monday of April Next from the second Monday of April Instant to the second Monday of April Next to include all Doctor & medicinal bills, bills of Cost & Expense of every kind which might be legally chargeable to S. Town. whether they arise in or out of Town within the time aforesaid. Also the decent burial & funeral Charges of all such as may die within the Term aforesaid.

All questions respecting individuals whether they are entitled to Support from S. Town & thereby included in the above article or not shall be decided by the Overseers of the poor of said Town. And it shall be the Duty of S. Overseers to determine All such questions as fast as they shall arise and immediately ~~all such questions as fast as they shall arise~~ give Notice thereof to said Purchaser and also to give immediate Notice of all new pauper Charges arising in or out of Town.

But the purchaser shall have liberty to defend in the Name of said Overseers or of said Town at his own charge & expense Against any suit or Demand for which if determined against said Town he by the above articles would be liable.

The said Overseers or Town shall also have Liberty to Contest any suit or Demand brought Against the Town on account of paupers and such case the Town shall defend at their own expense but the damages if any shall be recovered Against said Town shall be paid or repaid by said purchaser.

The Purchaser shall receive with S. paupers their wearing apparel and such beds & bedding & utensils as belong to S. paupers their Apparel & furniture shall be inspected by and all deficiencies of necessary Cloathing shall be supplied by S. Overseers at the Time S. paupers are received by the purchaser and they shall be returned at the end of S. Term equally well furnished with Cloathing being & utensils as when received.

The purchaser shall be entitled to the benefit of all such services as S. paupers may be able to render during S. Term provided However said Overseers shall have Liberty to bind out any pauper Children notwithstanding.

The Overseers shall have a right & it shall be their duty frequently to inspect the Conduet & treatment of S. paupers & when and so often as S. Overseers shall in their Opinion discover any deficiency either in Provisions attention Cloathing Medicine or Care necessary for the comfortable Subsistence of said paupers it shall be the right of said Overseers to immediately notify this purchaser thereof and in case such Defects are not immediately removed by said purchaser S. Overseers shall forthwith Cause the necessary provision to be made and for the Expense of all such Supplies the purchaser shall be accountable to said Town.

The purchaser shall execute bonds with Surety to the amount of the Sum for the faithful & punctual performance of the aforesaid duties.

The purchaser shall receive his payment quarterly yearly & if the said Town fail of Payments at the end of each quarter interest shall be allowed from the Time of payment until paid.

April 6th 1807

Wilkes Wood
James Washburn
Joshua Eddy
Committee of said Town

The above & foregoing report accepted by the Town in Legal Town Meeting April 13th 1807

Wm. Swanwick Town Clerk

A List of the poor of the Town of Middelbrough for 1807.

Mary Smith	William Moore	Isaac Moore & Family
Anna Diller	Elizabeth Oliver	Martha Pratt
Samuel Black	Isaac Summers	Lydia Raynolds & Family
Deborah Moore	Samuel Thomas & Family	Lucas Curtis & Children
Nathaniel Moore	William Dabney	Thomas Blackman & Family
Levina Bennett	Abraham Dabney & Wife	Isaac & two Children
Hannah Bryant	Bartholomew Dabney	William Benjamin Hayland
Isaac Thomas	Isaac Dabney & Family	Experience Townsend
Ruth Smith	Stephen Bates	
Chloe Macomber	Henry W. Dabney	
Elizabeth Norton	Isaac Dabney	

1807 Town Meeting April 6th 1807 by adjourn^t

April 13th A Town Meeting held on Monday April 6th 1807 &
Continued by Adjournment to April 13th 1807 as at then
Taken up agreeable to Adjournment & the following
Business Done —

James Washburn Esq. Moderator

At said Meeting Voted to make a Division of School
District No. 11 as fall brook school district (so called)

Voted to Chose a Committee of three to divide said
School District & made choice of the following Gentlemen
by the consent of the inhabitants of R School District

Major Peter Hoar.

Mr. Saml. Pickens

Capt. Calvin Pratt

Committee
to divide School
District No. 11.

Then by Vote Adjourned said Meeting

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1807 Town Meeting May 13th 1807

May 13th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants
of the Town of Middleboro held on May 13th
1807 & the following business done (viz)

Mr. Seth Miller Moderator

Voted to pass over the second Article in the Warrant
for this present

At said Meeting Voted that the several Surveyors of
Highways in Case the roads should be blocked with
Snow that they immediately Appoint a Tax sufficient
to remove the same according to Law

Voted to pass over the 3rd Article in the
Warrant for this meeting

Then by Vote Adjourned this Meeting to the next
Town Meeting 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1807 Annual March Meeting by adjourn^t

May 13th The Annual March Meeting being continued by
Adjournment from the 13th of March last & which
Day was taken up agreeable to Adjournment on the
13th day of May 1807 & the following business
Done Viz

Major Peter Hoar Moderator

At said meeting by Vote made choice of Mr. Saml. Tucker
Surveyor of Highways in the room of Peter Hoar Esq.
Then by Vote & said Mr. Saml. Tucker from serving
as a Surveyor of Highways & by Vote made choice
of Capt. Wm. Thomson Surveyor of Highways the
 ensuing Season

At said Meeting Voted & Accepted of Baley
Reed as Constable in the room of Thomas Pickens by
said Pickens being the said Reed's Bondsman &
Then by Vote Adjourned this meeting to the next
Town Meeting at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1807 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

May 13th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of
the Town of Middleborough May 13th 1807

Major Peter Hoar & Mr. Seth Miller were
appointed by drawing out of the box as the said
Direct to serve as Grand Jurymen at the Supreme Court
next to be held at Plymouth on the third Monday
of May instant

George Morton Hugh Montgomery & Capt. Joseph
Clark were appointed by drawing out of the box to
serve on the Jury of the said Court

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

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1807 Representatives to the General Court

May 13th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Legally assembled in Town Meeting for the Choice of Representatives to the General Court on Wednesday the 13th Day of May 1807.

At S. Meeting Voted to send more than one Representative to the General Court the ensuing year.

① Then Voted to send four Representatives to the General Court the present year - Voted to bring in the votes for one Representative at a time. And made choice of the following Gentlemen to represent us at the General Court the present Year -

St John Sinkham had 158 Votes & was Chosen.
 Mr Levi Pierce had 127 Votes & was Chosen.
 Mr Samuel Pickens had 119 Votes & was Chosen.
 Capt Jacob Cushman had 94 Votes & was Chosen.
 Mr Silvanus Silliman Town Clerk.

1807 Jury men for August Court.

August 3rd At a Town Meeting held at the Town House on Monday August the 3rd 1807.

The Mayor presided of the Selectmen & Town Clerk being present. Did then appoint by

① Drawing out of the Box as the Law directs George Pierce, & Caleb Morton to serve on the petit jury for August Term at Plymouth.

Mr Silvanus Silliman Town Clerk.

The Subscribers having been appointed a Committee by the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to settle accounts with Mr Levi Pierce, their late Treasurer and to receive from him and to transfer acc of the Books notes other papers & money belonging to the Treasury Office of said Town to Capt Silvanus Silliman their Present Treasurer having attended the duties assigned them a pleasure to make the following Report which is hereby Respectfully Submitted (over)

1st Said Committee find by the last Settlement that there was \$ 27 87
 There in said Treas hands as Tre^r unaccounted for the sum of \$ 120 98
 To what said sum hath & it the sum of \$ 148 85

Rec^d August 3rd 1807 of Mr. Elijah Shuman for the Town of Middleborough Twenty Seven in part of a Town Tax Committ^d to him to Col the year 1806.

\$ 27 2 Promiss^{es} Value Rec^d to \$ 119 95

Due from James Washburn & Robert Cushman on a Note	60 00
Due from Samuel Norton & Ebenezer Norton on a Note	99 39
Due from Samuel Briggs and others on a Note	59 1
Due from Ebenezer Miller on a Note	16 91
Due from Gosham Wood and others on a Note	150
Due from Gosham Wood and others on a second Note	142
Due from William Bennett on book acc ^t	18 74
Due from James Washburn Esq ^r on a Note	64
Due from Capt. Joshua Eddy on Book acc ^t	17
Due from Wilkes Wood Esq ^r on Book acc ^t	14 15
Due from Israel Thomas Constable	6 84
Due from Malborn Briggs Constable	3 42
Due from Nathan Thompson on a Note	3 06
Total of Money in the Treas ^r hands & Debt due to the Town	\$ 747 53

② The which Balance of Money and Notes together with the Towns Books and other papers said Committee Rec^d of Mr Levi Pierce late Treasurer of said Town and delivered all of the same to Capt Silvanus Silliman present Tre^r of said Town.

Done at S. Middleb^{or} April 6th 1807.
 The Above Report accepted by the Town in a Legal Town Meeting April 6th 1807.
 Silvanus Silliman Town Clerk
 James Washburn
 Ebenezer Norton
 Samuel Briggs
 Ebenezer Miller
 Gosham Wood
 William Bennett
 Joshua Eddy
 Wilkes Wood
 Israel Thomas
 Malborn Briggs
 Nathan Thompson

1807 Representatives to the General Court.

May 3rd At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Legally assembled in Town Meeting for the Choice of Representatives to the General Court on Wednesday the 13th Day of May 1807.

At S^d Meeting Voted to send more than one Representative to the General Court. At the same time Voted to pay Silvanus Tillson three Dollars for his services as Representative for the Town of Middleborough.

At S^d Meeting Voted to pay Silvanus Tillson three Dollars in full of all his services as Representative for the Town of Middleborough. At S^d Meeting Voted to pay Silvanus Tillson three Dollars in full of all his services as Representative for the Town of Middleborough.

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1807 Jury men for August Court.

August 3rd At a Town Meeting held at the Town House on Monday August the 3rd 1807. The Major part of the Selectmen & Town Clerk being present. Did then Appoint by Drawing out of the Box as the S^d direct George Pierce, & Caleb Morton to serve on the petit jury for August Term at Plymouth.

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk.

The Subscribers having been appointed a Committee by the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to settle accounts with Mr. Levi Pierce, their late Treasurer and to receive from him and to deliver up all the Books, notes, papers & money belonging to the Treasury Office of said Town to Capt. Silvanus Tillson their present Treasurer having attended the duties assigned them a pleasure to make the following Report which is hereby Respectfully Submitted.

1 st Said Committee find by the last Settlement that there was	\$	27	87
Therein said Pierce had as Treas ^r unaccounted for the sum			
To what said Treas ^r hath Rec ^d of the Towns Money since	120	95	
Said last Settlement	145	83	
2 nd Said Pierce Treasurer as aforesaid produced Charges and			
Vouchers for the payment of S ^d for said Towns	146	72	
Said Settlement to the amount of			
All which Vouchers we retained	2	13	
Balance in the Treas ^r hands			
3 rd Said Pierce Treas ^r as aforesaid produced notes & Charges on			
the Towns Book against the following persons for the			
sums set against their names respectively as follows to wit			
Due from Gershom Wood & others on a Note	\$	117	95
Due from James Washburn & Robert Washburn on a Note	60	00	
Due from Samuel Morton & Ebenezer Morton on a Note	99	39	
Due from Samuel Briggs and others on a Note	59	1	
Due from Ebenezer Wood on a Note	16	91	
Due from Gershom Wood and others on a Note	150		
Due from Gershom Wood and others on a second Note	142		
Due from William Bennett on book acct	18	74	
Due from James Washburn Esq ^r on a Note	64		
Due from Capt. Joshua Eddy on Book acct		17	
Due from Wilkes Wood Esq ^r on Book acct	14	15	
Due from Israel Thomas Constable	6	84	
Due from Malbone Briggs Constable	3	42	
Due from Nathan Allen on a Note		306	
Total of Money in the Treas ^r hands & Debt due to the Town	\$	853	53

4th All which Balance of Money and Notes together with the Towns Books and other papers and Committee Rec^d of Mr. Levi Pierce late Treasurer of said Town and delivered all of the same to Capt. Silvanus Tillson present Treas^r of said Town.

Dated at Middleborough April 6th 1807.

The Above Report accepted by the Town in Legal Town Meeting April 6th 1807.

Silvanus Tillson
Caleb Morton
Gershom Wood

1807. Fall Meeting for 1807.

Sept. 22^d At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being the Annual Fall Meeting held Sept. 22. 1807. and the following Business Done. Lth Seth Miller Moderator

At said Meeting Voted to raise the sum of Twenty five Hundred Dollars on the rateable Polls & Estates of the inhabitants of said Town to Defray the necessary Charges in raising in & upon the present year. And that the rateable Polls & Estates in making the Apportionment be taken from the first day of May last. Apportionment to be made & bills Committed to the several Constables by the first Day of Dec^r Next & to be paid into the Treasury of S. Town by the first day of March Next.

At said Meeting Voted to sell at Public Vendue to the Highest bidder the Privilege of taking the Alewife fish at the several fishing places in & about the ensuing year on the same plan they were the last year.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to see that the Alewife fish have a sufficient passage way up the streams and Dams through which the fish are to pass in & about the ensuing year & to remove all obstructions to effect the same. and made choice of the following Gent^lmen.

May^r Peter Head } The
Seth Wood } Committee
Capt. W. Harrison }

Voted to choose a Committee to report to the Overseers of the Poor what poor persons in their respective Districts are entitled to receive Alms from the Town. and made choice of the following Persons.

Mr Samuel Tucker, Lth John Bennett, Licut. George Leonard, En^l Samuel Cobb, Lth Thos. Shuckwatt, Mr Benjamin Pierce, Mr Herman Pierce, Capt. Elias Sampson, Mr. Edwards Cole, the Committee.

Voted to set Lth Joshua Flaherty with his Estate and Family from School District N^o 26 and allow him with his Family & Estate to School District N^o 35.

1807 Fall Meeting for 1807 Continued

Sept. 22^d At said Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of three to assist the Selectmen in settling with the Major Thomas Jun^r for Supporting & Nursing Stephen Bates one of their Towns Poor and made choice of the following Gent^lmen (viz)

Col Abel Washburn } the
Wth Wood } Committee
Mr. Daniel Weston }

Voted that the Selectmen with the Committee take into Consideration & examine the account of the said Major Thomas Jun^r & that it be left Discretionary with them the said Selectmen & Committee to settle with him the S^d Major on such terms as they shall deem proper.

At said Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of Nine to assist the Selectmen in regulating the Jury Box in said Town & made choice of the following Gent^lmen (viz)

May^r Thomas Bennett, Mr. Silas White, Capt. William Pratt, En^l Samuel Cobb, En^l John Miller, Capt. Joseph Richmond, Mr. Samuel Briggs, Mr. Thomas Weston, Capt. Elkanah Pierce, the Committee.

Voted this Meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday of November Next at One O'clock P. M. to be holden at the Town House.

Attest Silvanus Wilbur Town Clerk

1807 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

Sept. 22^d At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Sept. 22. 1807. Did then & there Appoint by Drawing out of the Box as the said Jurors Capt. John Smith, & Licut. John Tinkham to serve as Grand Jurymen at the Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth on the second Sunday of October next.

And May^r Wth Bourne, Mr. Noah Cushman, & Capt. Jacob Cushman were appointed by Drawing out of the box as the said Jurors to serve as Petit Jurys at S^d Court. Attest Silvanus Wilbur Town Clerk

1807. Fall Meeting for 1807 by Adjourn.

Nov. 23 The inhabitants of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting being the adjournment of their Annual Fall Meeting Nov. 2 1807.
Levi S. Miller Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted & accepted of the List of Persons Selected by the Selectmen & Committee for Grand Jurors to be Deputed in the Supreme Box so far as has been read

Voted and accepted of the List of persons selected by the Selectmen & Committee for Petit Jurors to be Deputed in the Inferior Box as far as has been exhibited

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting for one Month
The Meeting being taken up agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to the following Business

Voted to proceed immediately to the Sale of the privilege of the Alwive fish the ensuing Season

Voted to choose a Virtue Master to Dispose of the Privilege of Taking the Alwive fish the ensuing Season and made choice of Capt. Nathl. Wilder Junr

Selling Mill privilege sold to Thomas Weston for the Sum of \$153.00

Old Stone ware sold to Capt. John Carver for the Sum of \$104.00

Swampport Brook sold to Samuel Briggs for the Sum of \$40.50

At S. Meeting the Town by Vote accepted of Joseph Bump

Nathl. Bump as bondsmen to Thomas Weston

by Vote accepted of Jeremiah Thomas & George Hackett as bondsmen to Capt. John Carver

By Vote accepted of Majr. Peter Hunt & George Pierce as bondsmen to Samuel Briggs

Then by Vote Adjourned this meeting to the next Town Meeting 2 Weeks hence
That Silvanus Williams

1807. Town Meeting on the Petition of Dan. Weston

Nov. 23 The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday November 2 1807 & proceeded to the following Business (viz)

✓ Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator
Voted to hear the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to Divide School District No. 14 or Fall Brook District so called

✓ Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to Divide School District No. 14 or Fall Brook District (as called) which is in Book No. 1 of 1807

Voted not to act in the third Article in the warrant for this Meeting
Also Voted not to act on the fourth Article in the Warrant for this Meeting
Then by Vote Disposed said Meeting

That Silvanus Williams

1807. Jurymen for November Court

Nov. 23 At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough November 2 1807

Did then & there Appoint by Drawing out of the box as the Law Direct Nathaniel Cole & Samuel Briggs to serve on the petit Jury at the next Court to be holden at Plymouth on the third Sunday of November instant

That Silvanus Williams

1808. Fall Meeting by adjournment

March 7 The Annual Fall meeting for 1807 Continued by adjourn. was taken up March 7 1808

✓ At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the List of persons Selected for Jurors as exhibited by Dan. East with one of the Committee for that purpose
Then by Vote Disposed said Meeting
That Silvanus Williams

1808 Annual March Meeting

March 7th A Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Middleborough qualified as the Law directs to vote in said Meeting at the Town House in said Town on Monday March 7th 1808 being the Annual March Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers & other business inserted in the warrant.

Noted to Choose the Moderators by Nominations & by Vote made Choice of Maj^r Peter Hoar Mod^r.

At said Meeting Voted to Choose the Clerk Selectman Treas^r & Assessors by written ballot.

Voted & Choose Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk & made Choice of the following Gent^l Selectmen the present year.

<p>St. Joseph Cushman & Martin Keith Maj^r Peter Hoar Samuel Fickensborg Capt. Calvin Pratt</p>	}	Selectmen
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At said Meeting Voted that the Selectmen be the Assessors the ensuing year.

Voted & made Choice of Silvanus Tillson, Town Treasurer the present year.

Voted that the remaining part of the Town Officers be chosen by Nominations.

Voted to pass to the 15th Article in the warrant.

Voted that the Support of the Post the present year be sold to the Lowest Bidder individually under the Direction of the Overseers of the Post & that they use their Discretion in providing for the support of said Post.

1808 Annual March Meeting continued

March 7th Voted to pass to the second Article in the warrant & Constables for the ensuing year.

Crackers Cobb, Enos Eaton, Jacob Perkins, Robert Prider, Jacob Shaw, Benjamin Richmond, Abel Booth, Capt. Daniel Smith, James Bump.

Surveyors of Highways

Isaiah Carter, Richard Clark, Andrew Thomas, Ebenezer Tinkham, Simeon Woods, Jonathan Leonard, Nathan Abodge, Andrew Leonard, Henry Strobridge, Capt. Joseph Richmond, Lt. John Bennett, Jonathan Phinney, Caleb Morton, John Tinkham, Isaac Soule, Abner Woodford, Isaac Shaw, Amos Raymond, Aba Winslow, Thomas Washburn, Daniel Weston, John Thomas, Sathet Mudgett, Hugh Montgomery, Josiah Vaughan, Squire Tinkham, Capt. Elias Samson, Obadiah Samson, Ebenezer Mayford, Eben^r Vaughan, Maj^r Wm. Bourne, Herman Price, Abner Clark, Isaac Keith, Lt. Thos. Streat, Capt. Gam^l Fuller, Joseph Bump, Ellis Harton, John Wood.

Sence Viewers & Field Drivers

Jonathan Harlow, Lt. Solomon Thompson, Henry Strobridge, Maj^r Peter Hoar, Carl Sears, Menapah Robbins, Seth Eaton, Elijah Eaton, Lt. Jonathan Weston.

Surveyors of Lunber

Israel Wood, Capt. Wm. Thompson, Lt. Isaac Holloway, Elisha Reed, Capt. Elisha Clark, Lt. John Bennett, Capt. Calvin Pratt.

1808 Annual March Meeting continued

March 7th Byttingmen for the Year 1808

Cap^t. Joshua Cady, Elijah Eaton, Barnabas Clark,
Joseph Hathaway, Thomas Nelson, Josiah Leonard,
William Strobridge, Joseph Maxham.

Hogreeves

Gilford Booth, Silas Haskell, Samuel Reed,
Cap^t. William Thompson, Nathan Eaton, Lucas Cushman,
David Thomas, Zephariah Cady, John M. Gully,
Nash Clark, Jun^r. Levi Briggs, Joseph Richardson Jr

Horsereeves

Samuel Jackson, Obadiah Sampson, D^r. J. Clark,
Alid Booth.

Voted & excorded Joseph Bicker from serving Surveys of
Highways & by Vote made choice of Lieut.
Seth Muddock Surveys of Highways in his room.

Inspectors of Wharves

At S. Meeting Voted to choose three men as Inspectors
that is one at each fishing place in Town.

Le. Jhabat Wood at the Siting mill.

Samuel Leonard at the Mud works & old ware
Cap^t. Ebenezer Briggs at the Appanampet brook.

Voted that the Inspectors exhibit their acc^t of inspection
to the Committee on accounts for allowance for their service.

At S. Meeting Voted that the Treas^r. Lay before the
Selectmen the Motion & Treas^r. Hands & Take their direction
on the same. Then Voted to Adjourn said meeting to the
first Monday in April next at 12 O'clock at Noon.

That Silas Johnson, SONNICKSON

1808 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

April 4th The Annual March Meeting for 1808 was taken
up this day by Adjournment and the following Business
Done. (viz) Maj^r. Peter Hoar Moderator.

At S. Meeting by Vote made choice of Saml. Pickens Esq^r
Agents to Dispose of the privilege of taking the alow
fish at quatuor brook, the ensuing season.

Voted and excorded Caleb Norton from serving Surveys of
Highways and made choice of Maj^r. Peter Hoar Surveyor
of Highways the present year.

At said Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to consist
of three to settle accounts between the Town & Town,
Treasurer & made choice of the following Gent^l. (viz)
To report a State of the Treas^r. Maj^r. Peter Hoar
Col^l. Abel Washburn } The
M^r. Levi Parice } Committee.

Voted to allow \$1 in the pound for collecting the
Public Money the present year.

At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to
Receive & examine & allow accounts against the Town
the present year & made choice of the following
Gent^l. (viz) William Thompson Esq^r, James Soule,
Edward Sparrow Jun^r, Silvanus Lillson.

Considered Howland, Wilkes Woodcock, Luke Reed,
Samuel Briggs, Caleb Norton the Committee.

Voted and excorded Jacob Shaw from serving Constable.
And by Vote made choice of Daniel Savory
Constable the present year.

Voted and excorded Seth Muddock from serving as a
Surveyor of Highways and by Vote made choice of
Benjamin White a Surveyor of Highways the ensuing
year.

1808 Annual March Meeting brought over

April 3rd Let P. Meeting Voted to raise three thousand Dollars on the polls & Rateable Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the present year for the purpose of mending & repairing the Highways and Bridges in said Town the present year & that the rateable Estates be taken in from the first Day of May Next... & that the money so raised be Expended in the same way it was the last year... that is to allow 10th of a dollar for a Man & 10th for a yoke of oxen for all the work Done on the Highways before the first day of July Next & for all the work Done after the 1st day of July Seven cents per Hour for a Man & 7th of a dollar for a yoke of oxen & for a Horse Cart & plough to be left discretionary with the Overseers to fix the price per Day or Hour as they shall think proper. Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be empowered to collect the Highway Tax in the present year in Money on Neglect after due Notice of Working out & Taxes in Labour & that the Overseers make warrants for the Surveyors accordingly And for the Surveyor to expend the money so collected on the Highways. Voted also that Surveyors be authorized to remove all incumbrances by trees & in the manner that Surveyors are authorized by Law in case no Tax were voted to repair Highways in P Town. Voted to Choose a Committee to Divide a Surveyors District of Highways in that part of the Town called Fiddlers and made Choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Wm. Peter Hoar
Samuel Pickens
St. Joseph Cushman
Committee

Voted and made Choice of Elijah Eaton Surveyor of Highways the present year

Voted this Meeting Stand adjourned for two Hours said Meeting being taken up Agreeable to Adjournment & the following business done
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1808 Annual March Meeting Continued

April 4th Let P. Meeting Voted that Some Shall ~~not~~ not ~~not~~ not at Large on the Highways & Commons the ensuing Season.

Let P. Meeting Voted that Great Cattle shall not run at Large on the Highways and Commons the ensuing Season only such as persons as are Not in Circumstances to keep more than one Cow may have that privilege by first applying to the Selectmen of the Town for their Opinion shall think they may grant Liberty & Voted that those persons who purchase the Support of the present year shall receive their Cows quarter yearly on the Treasurer of the Town for their pay.

Voted Let P. Meeting to Choose an Inspector of alms at the Poor and by vote made Choice of Capt. Calvin Pratt Inspector at the aforesaid place.

Voted to allow & pay Capt. Calvin Pratt three Dollars and eighty six cents for one hundred & twenty two feet of Plank to build Alms Bridge & Gallies.

Let P. Meeting Voted to Choose an Inspector of Alms at the Poor and to be paid for his services by Capt. John Carver And by vote made Choice of Elias Thomas at the aforesaid place Inspector.

Then by Vote adjourned this Meetinging May Meeting at 8 o'clock P. M. at the Town House.

Attest Silvanus Thompson Town Clerk

1808 Jurymen for April Court & for the year

April 3rd At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough April 4th 1808.

Did they and there Appoint by Drawing out of the Box as the Law directs Andrew Cobb and St. Thomas Shraet to Serve as Grand Jurors for the year Jabez Smith & Thomas Pickens were drawn out of the box to Serve as petit Jurors at April Term.

Attest Silvanus Thompson Town Clerk

1808. Governor, Lt. Governor & Senators

April 4th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro:
being Legally Assembled in Town Meeting April 4th
1808 for the purpose of giving in their votes
for Governor, Lt. Governor & Senators the
votes were given in as follows (viz)

	Votes	
The Hon ^{ble} James Sullivan Esq.	286	for Governor
The Hon ^{ble} Christopher Gore Esq.	173	
Hon ^{ble} Levi Lincoln Esq.	272	for Lt. Governor
Hon ^{ble} David Cobb Esq.	149	
Senators		
Hon ^{ble} Nathany Willis Esq.	264	for Senators
Hon ^{ble} Seth Sprague Esq. Duxbury	264	
Hon ^{ble} Nahum Mitchell Esq.	146	
Hon ^{ble} William Davis Esq.	146	

1808. County Treasurer

April 4th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants
of the Town of Middleboro: April 4th 1808 the
votes were given in for a County Treasurer in
the following manner (viz)

	Votes	
For Ephraim Spooner Esq.	88	for County Treasurer
David Bacon Esq.	50	

Attest Silo. Tilton, Town Clerk

At the opening of the aforesaid Meeting
Voted to Dispense with reading the Lists of Voters
for this time

1808 Town Meeting April 4th 1808

April 4th At a Legal Meeting of the whole inhabitants of
the Town of Middleboro: in Town Meeting on Monday the
fourth day of April 1808 & the following business
done (viz) Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator of
S. Meeting

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent in behalf of S.
Town to appear at the Supreme Court to be holden at
Plymouth on & for the County of Plymouth to oppose
the Discontinuance of a road laid out by a Committee
Appointed by the Court of Sessions in the Petition of
Col. Edward Sparrow Capt. George Vaughan & others
And by Vote Made choice of William Thomas Esq.
Agent for the aforesaid purpose. And he the said
Agent to conduct the business according to his
Discretion

Voted that this Meeting stands Adjourned to May
Meeting 2 O'clock P. M. at the Town House in
S. Town Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1808 Town Meeting April 4th 1808 by Adjournment

May 11th At a Town Meeting held by Adjournment on May
11th 1808 Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted to Dispense with the 4th article
in the warrant for this Meeting relative to the petition
of Charles Lewis & others for the present for further
Examination

At S. Meeting Voted to Indemnify the Messengers of the
Town of Middleboro: against any thing that Abraham
Thomas, has or may recover in a suit brought by said
Thomas against the S. Messengers

Voted this Meeting stand Adjourned untill after the May Meeting
said meeting being taken up agreeable to Adjournment
& the following business done Voted not to act
any further on the Warrant for this Meeting
Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1808. Representatives to the General Court

May 11th At a Special Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough legally assembled in Town Meeting for the choice of a Representative or Representatives to the General Court, on Wednesday the 11th Day of May 1808. At said meeting Voted to dispense with reading the list of Voters for this time. Then Voted to divide the House in the following manner. Those who are for choosing four Representatives to. Pardon on the east side of the road & those that are for a less number on the west. And Voted to send four Representatives to the General Court the ensuing year 199 in favor & 189 Against.

At said meeting Voted that the first Representative chosen be the constant member or such other of their number as they shall agree upon between themselves after the first session.

Then proceeded to the choice of the following Gentlemen to represent us the ensuing year.

John Parkham Esq. had 206 votes & was chosen.
 Mr Levi Pierce had 191 votes & was chosen.
 Samuel Pichens Esq. had 188 votes & was chosen.
 Maj. Jacob Cushman had 169 votes & was chosen.

At said meeting Voted to reconsider the vote wherein that the Town had Voted that the first Representative should be the constant member & left it to their own discretion.

And then the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Silvanus Pillsbury Town Clerk

1808 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

May 11th The Annual March Meeting for 1808 taken up by Adjournment on the 11th Day of May 1808 & the following business done. Maj. Peter Hoar Moderator of S. Meeting.

At said Meeting Voted that the Committee Chosen to settle accounts between the Town & Town Treasurer that they examine the accounts of the S. Treasurer and take under consideration what sum shall be allowed the S. Treasurer for his services & year and report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Poundkeeper

At v. Meeting by Vote made choice of Mr. John Fuller to keep the Towns pound the present year.

Voted & Exonerated John Wood from serving Surveyor of Highways & by Vote made choice of Maj. Jacob Cushman Surveyor of Highways the present year. Voted & Exonerated Daniel Savary from serving Constable the present year & by Vote made choice of Solomon Thomas Constable for the year ensuing.

Then by Vote Adjourned this Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be held at the Town House in said Town 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silvanus Pillsbury Town Clerk

1808 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

Aug. 1st The Annual March Meeting continued by adjournment. To August the 1st 1808 was the taken up and the following business done. Maj. Peter Hoar Moderator.

Then by Vote Adjourned the said Meeting to the fall Meeting next to be held at the Town House in said Town at 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silvanus Pillsbury Town Clerk

August 1st A Special Meeting of the able inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough August 1st 1808 and the following Business Done (viz)

1st The said Meeting Voted to Choose the Moderator by Nomination and made Choice of Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator.

2^d The said Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent in behalf of said Town to appear at Plymouth at the Next Court of Sessions to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of August Instant on the Petition of Ephraim Briggs, Elias Sampson, James Washburn & others - And made Choice of Wilkes Wood Esq. Agent for the above purpose.

3^d Voted that sd. Agent be instructed to agree with the Petitioners what damages they shall receive for their Lands of the Town according to his discretion if he can Reasonably if not to propose to have a Committee upon sd. Petitions instead of Jurors and to defend the Integrity of the Town before sd. Jurors or Committee in the best manner he is able at Plymouth & in Town.

4th Voted to Add two more Agents to assist the former one of the Matter Come before a Committee or Jurors on in settling for the said damages but not to attend at Plymouth. Then by Vote made Choice of

May^r Peter Hoar and Agents
Mr Thomas Weston

Added
Voted this Meeting stand Adjourned to the Fall Meeting Next to be holden at the Town House in sd. Town at 4 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Pillsbury Town Clerk

Sept. 25th The Annual March Meeting for 1808 Continued by Adjournment to Sept. 26th 1808 was then taken up

Then by Vote Adjourned to Meeting to the Next Town Meeting to be holden at the Town House in sd. Town at 3 O'clock P. M. Attest Silas Pillsbury Town Clerk

Sept. 28th A Town Meeting Continued by Adjournment from August 1st 1808 was taken up agreeable to Adjournment. Sept. 28th 1808 Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator

Then Voted to Adjourn to Meeting to the Next Town Meeting to be holden at the Town House in sd. Town at 4 O'clock P. M. Attest Silas Pillsbury Town Clerk

Sept. 26th A Meeting of the Selectmen and Town Clerks and other inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough assembled in the Selectmens room Sept. 26th 1808

for the Appointment of Jurors for the Supreme Court Next to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of October Next - (Did there & there Appointed by Drawing out of the box as the said Jurors -

Thomas Weston, & Silas Pillsbury to serve as Grand Jurors at sd. Court & Nathaniel Thompson, & Eli Atwood, were appointed by Drawing out of the Box to serve on the Jury of Tryals at sd. Court -

Attest Silas Pillsbury Town Clerk

1898

136 Fall Meeting for 1898

Sept. 20th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being the Annual Fall Meeting held September 20th 1898.

Voted At S. Meeting to Choose the Moderator by Nomination And by Vote made Choice of Mr. Thomas Westery Moderator of S. Meeting.

Voted to pass over the Second Article in the Warrant for one Hour. Voted to Sell at Public Vendue to the Highest Bidder the privilege of taking the Alewife fish at the several fishing places that are apportioned by Law to take S. fish in S. Town the ensuing year on the same terms they were last year.

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of Three to see that the Alewife fish have a sufficient Passage way up the Stream & Dams through which S. fish have to pass the ensuing Season & to remove all Obstructions to Effect the same.

William Thompson Esq. } The
Maj. Peter Hoar } Committee
Capt. Abner Barrows }

Voted to Choose a Committee to report to the Overseers of the poor what poor persons in that office are entitled to receive Alewife Grates from the Town agreeable to Law And made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz

Mr. Samuel Tucker, Dr. John Bennett, Dr. George Leonard, Esq. Samuel Cobb, Dr. Thos. Sturtevant, Mr. Abel Booth, Mr. Abel Nelson, Mr. David Shaw, Mr. Benajah Pierce the Committee.

1898

137 Fall Meeting continued from the preceding Page

Sept. 20th At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of Nine to take and consider and examine the several S. fish exhibited by the Selectmen for the Grand Traverse & Petit jurors & to report at this Meeting And by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz John Smithham Esq. Wilbur Wood Esq. Wm. Thompson Esq. Mr. Noah Cushman, Capt. John Carver, Mr. Samuel Pierce, Mr. Wm. Sturbridge, Capt. Daniel Smith & Mr. Simon Backus the Committee.

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to take and consider the expediency of directing the Treas. of S. Town to have Money & report at the Adjournment of this Meeting their Opinion. At S. Meeting Voted to reconsider the Vote wherein the Town Voted to Choose a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of directing their Treas. to have Money.

At S. Meeting Voted and directed their Treas. to have the sum of Two Hundred & fifty Dollars to enable him to pay the Expenses of S. Town under the Direction of the Selectmen. Voted to postpone acting on the Second Article in the Warrant for this meeting until the Next Town Meeting to be held in this place.

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the Lists of Persons Selected by the Selectmen & a Committee Chosen for that purpose to be deposited in the Grand Traverse & Petit Jury Boxes having been reviewed by the Committee.

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of Nine to form the Town into New School Districts and to Establish the Boundaries of each School District & report to the Town their proceedings And by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen the Committee.

William Thompson Esq. Mr. Jacob Soule, Wilbur Wood Esq. Esq. Samuel Cobb, Dr. Thos. Sturtevant, Mr. Benajah Pierce, Mr. Wm. Sturbridge, Dr. Abner Clark, Mr. Edward Cole.

Then Voted this Meeting stand Adjourned to the Next Town Meeting to be held at the Town House at 12 O'clock P.M. Attest Wm. Thompson Esq. Town Clerk.

1808. Annual Fall Meeting by Appointment.

Nov. 7th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro.
being legally assembled in Town Meeting by appointment
from the Annual Fall Meeting November 7th 1807.

Mr. Thomas Weston Moderator.

At S. Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable
Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro.
The Sum of Four Thousand Dollars for the purpose of
Defraying the necessary Charges arising in S. Town
the present year. Rateable Polls & Estates to be
taken in from the first Day of May last past, and
to be paid into the Treasury of S. Town by the first
Day of March Next.

Voted to proceed to the Sale of the privilege of taking
the Alewife fish the ensuing Season immediately
by Vote made Choice of Wm. Thompson Vendue
Master.

Slitting Mill privilege sold to Capt. Hones
Barrows for the Sum of \$105.00

Old Stone Water sold to Jeremiah Thomas
for the Sum of \$102.00

Appawamsett Brook sold to John Hinds
for the Sum of \$55.00

At S. Meeting the Town by Vote Accepted of
Gaiham Woods & John Barden Junr as Bondsmen to
Capt. Hones Barrows - Slitting Mill Debt.

The Town by Vote Accepted of Mr. George Hackett
Usual Allowed as Bondsmen to Jeremiah Thomas as were

The Town Accepted of Hones Clark as
Bondsmen to John Hinds - Appawamsett Brook.

Then by Vote Approved in Meeting to the first
Monday in December 2 O'clock P.M.

Mr. Silvanus Wilson Town Clerk.

1808. Town Meeting November 7th 1808

Nov. 7th At a Special Meeting of the Rateable Inhabitants of
The Town of Middleboro. in Town Meeting Assembled on
Monday the 7th Day of November 1808.

Major Peter Spear Moderator of S. Meeting

At S. Meeting Voted & Accepted of the report of the
Agents chosen by the Town to settle with Amos Washburn
and others which report is as follows (viz)

The Agents of the Town of Middleborough chosen and
instructed to settle with Elias Samson Amos Washburn
& others for their Lands taken by a Committee of the Court
of Superior to straighten & widen the highway running thro
S. Town near the Great Pond of the same. Could be done in
their opinion be done for the interest of S. Town. Having
affirmed that & have accordingly to Report.

That they have in behalf of S. Town, agreed to allow
to Amos Washburn his Brothers & others together fifty seven
Dollars & fifty cents for the Damages sustained by them by
the alterations of the road upon their Land.

That they have not been able to agree upon the
Damages claimed by Elias Samson & Joseph Smith Briggs
but offer it as their opinion that it would be better
economy for the Town to cause the present road to be
widened by filling up the Pond & raising the bank
against the encroachments of the water then to take
their Land for that purpose except it should be a
very little of S. Briggs in order to straighten S. road
and recommend to S. Town to take measures for that
purpose & request a discontinuance of the proceedings of S.
Committee in that respect of S. Court.

by Order Wilkes Wood.

Nov. 7th 1808

At S. Meeting Voted to choose an Agent to petition
the Court of Superior to discontinue so much of a road
as was laid out on the Land of Joseph Smith Briggs and
Elias Samson & by Vote made Choice of Wilkes Wood
Agent.

1240
1808 Town Meeting Nov. 7th Brought Over

Nov. 7th At a Meeting Voted that the Selectmen be directed to have the road as recommended by the Agents made on such Terms as they shall think most for the Interest of S. Town -

Voted to Choose a Committee to examine the into the Circumstances relative to Provision being made between the Town of Middleborough & the Selectmen and Mr. Joseph Lovell for the Support of Peter Lovell who is now under the Care of the Selectmen - Wm Thompson Esq. and Choose

Wm. Wood Esq. & Mr. Martin Keith Committee Voted that the aforesaid Committee report to the Selectmen their Opinion as soon as may be -

At S. Meeting Voted that the Town instruct their Representatives to join with the Town of Rochester in Petitioning the Legislature of this Commonwealth to have an act passed for Liberty to take the Alewife fish at Quitticus Brooks's Cribbed every day in the week through the season of Spawning up to Brook Sundays Excepted - Voted this Meeting stand adjourned

To the Next Town Meeting to be holden at the Town House 2 O'clock P. M. - Attest Silvanus Willson Town Clerk

1808 Jurymen for November Court

Nov. 7th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. Nov. 7th 1808

Joseph Borden & Israel Eaton were Appointed by Drawing out of the box as the Laws Direct to Serve as Jurors for Nov. Term

Attest Silvanus Willson Town Clerk

1241
1808 Representative to Congress

Nov. 7th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. duly Assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 7th day of November being the first Monday in S. Month 1808. Voted for the following Persons to Represent the People of the Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Second Southern District which are as follows -

For Charles Turner Junr. Esq. 294 votes
For William Baylies Esq. 160 votes

At the Closing of the aforesaid Meeting Voted to Adjourn with reading the List of Voters at this Time - Attest Silvanus Willson Clerk of S. Town

1808 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

Nov. 7th The Annual March Meeting being continued by Adjournment to November 7th 1808 was then Taken Up and the following Business Done.

Majr. Peter Hoar Moderator of S. Meeting
At S. Meeting Voted & accepted of the reports of the Committee Chosen by the Town to settle accounts between the Town & their Treasurers William -

Voted to remit to Silvanus Willson three Dollars being paid on a bad Bill which he had taken in behalf of S. Town while acting in the Capacity of Deputized -

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of Edward Sparrow Junr. Constable in the room of Solomon Thomas by the S. Thomas being the S. Sparrows - Bondsmen then Voted this Meeting stand Adjourned to the Next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silvanus Willson Town Clerk

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleboro to settle accounts between S. Town and Capt. Silvanus Tillson their Treasurer and report a state of the Treasury and also what S. Town shall have for year for his services having performed that service at the leave to report as follows (viz)

1 st That there is a Balance due from S. Town to their Treasurer of	\$ 23.74
Also that there is due from S. Town to Daniel Witter Wm Bennett & Doct Joseph Clark which is on Interest	6.11 59
to know that there is due from sundry other persons as entered on Treasr Books	19.80
And also that there is due the Treasr for his services up to March last which is one year	15.00
	<u>\$ 672.13</u>
2 nd That there is due to S. Town from Wm Bennett	\$ 24.68
Also from Wolbone Briggs Constable for 1000	4.14
to know from Constables for the year 1000 after deducting their postage	280.00
3 rd That there is due to S. Town on Notes against the following persons (viz) Gosham Wood, Thomas Weston, John Carver, & Ebenezer Wilder which are on Interest	244.46
	<u>\$ 330.28</u>
4 th That the Balance against the Town on Treasr Books is	12.85
5 th That your Committee have settled and balanced all accounts your Treasurer and charged the above sums on Notes to New Account with S. Town Treasurer Books N ^o 2 Folio 62	
6 th We find the coverage expenses for the two last years according to the best information which we have obtained is	\$ 3259.03
7 th We find to pay their expenses the Town raised by Taxes & Sales of fish for the two last years	\$ 6236.88
which with coverage for year	<u>\$ 3118.42</u>
Leaving a balance yet to be provided for year	<u>\$ 140.61</u>

143 We find according to the best information we have obtained that S. Town was indebted prior to the two last years \$ 773.28 We find a Balance against the Town for 1000 281.22 Both of which sums amount to \$ 1054.43

We find also by Information from your Settlement that said Town is indebted to the following persons (viz) Plymouth \$ 120 Taunton & Bethley \$ 120 & S. D. & 246.10 New Salem \$ 179.82 New Bedford 25.00 & Rochester 222.07 The whole sum due said Town is \$ 462.17

We also find according to the foregoing Statement that your Town is indebted \$ 1516.51 All which is submitted Peter Hoar Committee of S. Town to settle and with the Treasr Nov 4th 1008

The above report accepted by the Town in Legal Town Meeting November 7th 1008
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1008 Jurymen for November Court
At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough November 7th 1008
Did then and there appoint by Drawing out of the Box as the Law directs Joseph Bardon and Israel Eaton to serve as petit Jurymen at said Court
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1008 Jurymen for the Adjournment of Novth Court
At a meeting of the Selectmen & Town Clerk and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough for the Appointment of Jurymen Dec² 26th 1008
being met in the Selectmens room on S. Day did then & there appoint by Drawing out of the Box as the Law directs Abel Thompson & John Allen to serve as petit Jurymen at the Adjournment of Novth Court which will commence on Tuesday the 27th of Dec^r 1008
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

144
1808 Annual March Meeting by Adjourn.

Dec. 5th The Annual March Meeting being continued by Adjournment to Dec. 5th 1808. Was then taken up and the following Business Done
Maj. Peter Hoar Moderator

At a meeting Voted that Mr. Martin Smith be an Agent in behalf of the Town of Middleborough to call on Robert Reid who was chosen a Constable for S. Town in March last past, to take the Oath of Affirmation by Spars prescribed to qualify him for his Office. Then Voted this meeting stand Adjourned to the Next Town Meeting to be held at the Town House in S. Town at 2 O'clock P. M.
Attest Silas Johnson Secy

1808 Town Meeting Nov. 7th 1808 Contin.

Dec. 5th A Town Meeting held November 7th 1808 being continued by Adjournment to Dec. 5th 1808 Was then taken up and the following Business Done
Maj. Peter Hoar Moderator

At a meeting Voted to Choose an Agent in behalf of the Town of Middleborough to call on any Persons he the Agent shall think are chargeable with the Support of Peter Hoar so that the Town may be indemnified from any further Support of the said Peter. And by Vote made Choice of Nathaniel Wood Esq. Agent for the aforesaid Purpose. Voted that meeting stand Adjourned to the Next Town Meeting 1 O'clock P. M.
Attest Silas Johnson Secy

145
1808 Fall Meeting by Government

Dec. 5th The Annual Fall Meeting for 1808 being continued by Adjournment to Dec. 5th 1808 was then taken up and the following Business Done
Mr. Thomas History Moderator

At a meeting Voted & Accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to form the Town into two School Districts except the Beach woods District (separated) which is to be left Discretionary with the Committee to make such alterations in it as they shall think most for the interest of the inhabitants of the School District & with Liberty for the Committee to take their report for the purpose of making more definite the bounds of the School District. Then by Vote Adjourned meeting to March Meeting Next to be held at the Town House 2 O'clock P. M.
Attest Silas Johnson Secy

1809 Town Meeting January 19th 1809

Jan. 19th at a Legal meeting of the Voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at their Town House. In S. Town on Thursday the 19th Day of January 1809 for the purpose intended in the Warrant for a meeting
Capt. Calvin Bather Moderator of the meeting

At a meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five to inquire into the expediency of instructing their Representatives relative to aiding & assisting the Towns of Taunton & Raynham in obtaining of the Legislature of this Commonwealth the Grant of a Lottery for the purpose of rendering the Navigation of Taunton Great river more extensive and if the Committee think it expedient to give their representatives such instructions as they shall think proper. Adjourned to Next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M.
Attest Silas Johnson Secy

Wm. Thomson Esq. - Nathaniel Wood Esq. - Capt. Calvin Bather - Mr. Peter Hoar the Committee

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1809 Representation To Congress
 Jan 19th A Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of
 the Town of Middleborough on Thursday the 19th
 Day of January one thousand eight hundred & nine
 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a
 Representative of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 in the Congress of the United States for the 1st Term.
 District votes for the following persons were
 given in as by Law directed (viz)

For Charles Turner Jun^r Esq. ——— 342 votes
 For William Baylies Esq. ——— 176 votes
 For Charles Turner ——— 12 votes
 Attest Silvanus Ellery Town Clerk

1809 Annual March Meeting by adjournment
 Jan 19th The Annual March Meeting for 1808 being continued
 by adjournment to January 19th 1809 was then taken
 up & agreeable to the adjournment & the following
 business done (viz) Major Peter Head Moderator
 At a Meeting voted and accepted of
 Greenleaf Pratt as Constable in the room of Jacob
 Perkins who was chosen a Constable in March last to part
 & Capt. Calvin Pratt was accepted as bondsman for the
 B. Greenleaf for the faithful discharge of his Office.
 Then by vote adjourned this meeting to the next Town
 Meeting at 3 O'clock P.M. Attest Silvanus Ellery Town Clerk

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1809 Town Meeting by adjournment
 Jan 19th A Legal Meeting of the voteable inhabitants
 of the Town of Middleborough Nov^r 1808 being continued
 by adjournment to January 19th 1809 was then taken
 up & agreeable to the adjournment Major Peter Head
 Moderator of s^d Meeting. Then by vote adjourned
 in meeting to the next Town Meeting 4 O'clock P.M.
 Attest Silvanus Ellery Town Clerk

1809 Annual March Meeting for 1808 by adjournment
 March 6th The Annual March Meeting for 1808 being continued
 by adjournment to March 6th 1809 was then taken
 up & the following business done (viz) Major Peter Head Moderator
 At a Meeting voted to allow & pay Isaac S. Shaw
 \$200 out of the Town money two Dollars as damages for
 the Town taking the Calumet fish at Abbeysmouth
 Brook in the year 1808.
 Then by vote adjourned in Meeting.
 Attest Silvanus Ellery Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting for 1808 by adjournment
 March 6th The Annual Town Meeting for 1808 being continued
 by adjournment to March 6th 1809 was then taken
 up & agreeable to adjournment & the following business
 done (viz) Mr. Thomas Weston Moderator
 Voted At a Meeting to reconsider the vote wherein the
 Town voted & accepted of the report of the Committee
 chosen by the Town to form the Town into two School
 Districts. & voted to recommit the reports to the
 said Committee for further consideration on the subject
 respecting School Districts. It reports that during
 at the adjournment of this meeting
 Then voted this meeting stand adjourned to April
 Meeting 4 O'clock P.M.
 Attest Silvanus Ellery Town Clerk

148
1809 TOWN Meeting March 6th 1809

March 6th At a Legal Meeting of the respectable inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled March 6th 1809. and the following business Done (viz) Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator.

At S^d Meeting voted that the Town should be removed to the Center of the Town & that it be built with Stone & according to Law.

voted that there be a Committee appointed of three To procure a place to sit the Town pound and report to the Town their doings at the adjournment of this Meeting And by vote made Choice of the following Gent^l (viz) Maj^r Peter Head
Wm. Thomson Esq^r the Committee
Maj^r Wm. Boutwell

voted that the Maj^r part of the Selectmen be directed to Report to the next Town Meeting by the Application of of Capt. James Pierce & others & view the premises and take into consideration what alterations if any are necessary and report to the Town their Opinion at the adjournment of this meeting.

Then by vote adjourned to April Meeting 1 O'clock P.M.
M^{rs} Sils. Tillson Town Clerk

1809 TOWN Meeting by adjournment from Nov^r 7th 1808

March 6th A Town Meeting held Nov^r 7th 1808 being continued by adjournment to March 6th 1809 was then taken

1st by Maj^r Peter Head Moderator
(and adjourned to April Meeting 12 O'clock in noon)

Also a Meeting continued by adjournment from January 19th to March 6th 1809 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment Capt. Calvin Pratt Mod^r.

Then by vote adjourned meeting to April meeting at 3 O'clock P.M. M^{rs} Sils. Tillson Town Clerk

149
1809 Annual March Meeting for 1809

March 6th The Town of Middleborough at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of S^d Town assembled at their Town House on Monday the 6th Day of March 1809 for the

1st Choice of Town Officers & other Business inserted in the Warrant for this Meeting Voted to Choose the Moderators by Nomination and made Choice of

Maj^r Peter Head Moderator of S^d Meeting
Then by vote made Choice of Sils. Tillson Esq^r

2nd for S^d Town for the year ensuing
Then proceeded to the Choice of the Selectmen for the year ensuing

St. Josephs Cushman	} Selection
Mr. Martin Keeth	
Maj ^r Peter Head	
Samuel Pickens Esq ^r	
Capt. Calvin Pratt	} Middleborough

3rd At said Meeting voted that the Selectmen be the Assessors for the year ensuing.

4th At said Meeting voted to Choose the Town Treasurers by Nomination. And by vote made Choice of Sils. Tillson Treasurer for S^d Town the present year.

5th Voted that the remaining part of the Town Officers be Chosen by Nomination.

6th Constables
Capt. Southard, Ellis, Em^r Edward Thomas
Daniel Thrasher, John Bishop, Daniel Slocum
Capt. Joseph Richmond, Daniel Macomber
Andrew Cole, James Stule

7th Voted that the support of the poor the present year be sold on the same conditions they were the past year - reference being had to last years Vote

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1809

Annual March Meeting brought over

March 6th At said Meeting voted to choose a Committee of five to take into consideration what method shall be taken in future for keeping the selectmen and the Town Treasurers Books And by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen viz
 Wilkes Wood Esq^r, Mr. Levi Pierce, Thomas Weston, Col. Abel Washburn & Maj^r W^m Bauson

Surveyors of Highways

Capt. John Carter, Elisha Reed, Otis Thomas, Adoniram Cushman, Lincoln Wood, Elijah Reed, Daniel Thresher, Abner Leonard, John Perkins, Joseph Spooner, Zechariah Eldry, Jonathan Phinney, Nathaniel Southworth, Samuel Briggs, Timothy Smith, Shepard Bennett, Samuel Chase, Andrew Cobb, William Whiting, Nathl. Shurtleff, Alfred Wood, Asa Barrows, Spenser Mudgett, Hugh Montgomery, Ichabod Woodward, Perry Daggett, Gath Sampson, Andrew Alden, Henry Perkins, Ebenezer Vaughan Jun^r, Capt. Abel Thomas, Herman Pierce, Abner Clark, Isaac Knith, John Fuller, Capt. Gamaliel Fuller, Nathl. Bump, Chusehill Thomas, Jesse Bryant Jun^r, W^m Thompson Esq^r & Nathan Washburn

Agreeovers

Samuel Robbins, Elijah Reed, Samuel Reed, W^m Thompson Esq^r, Isaac Ball, Spenser Cushman, David Thomas, Luther Cobb, Asa Macomber, Benjamin Combs, David Carver Esq^r, Gath Dean, Jeremiah Knith, Ebenezer Cox, Lynd Thomas

Voted that swine shall not run at large on the highways & commons the ensuing year
 Voted that meat cattle shall not run at large on the highways & commons the ensuing year

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1809

Annual March Meeting Continued

March 6th At said Meeting voted that those persons who are unable to keep but one horse shall have the privilege of letting it out on the highways & commons by first producing a certificate from the selectmen of the town
 Voted this meeting stand Adjourned to the next town meeting 2^d of March, P. M.
 Attest, Silvanus Weston Town Clerk

1809

Annual March Meeting by Adjourn

April 3^d The Annual March Meeting for 1809 being continued by adjournment to April 3^d 1809 was then taken up & agreeable to the adjournment & the following business done
 Maj^r Peter Hunt Moderator
 At 3^d Meeting Voted & excused Daniel Thresher from serving Constable the present year
 By vote made choice of William Drake Constable for the year ensuing
 Voted & excused Andrew Cole from serving Constable the present year And by vote made choice of Samuel Nelson & Constable for the year ensuing
 At 4th Meeting Voted and excused Saml. Macomber from serving Constable the present year
 And by vote made choice of Henry Perkins Constable
 Then by vote excused S. Perkins from serving Constable
 And by vote made choice of Oliver Pierce Constable the ensuing year
 Voted and excused John Bishop from serving Constable the present year & by vote made choice of Ramsey Bishop Constable
 Then by vote excused Ramsey Bishop for serving Constable And by vote made choice of Job Wheatman Constable for the year ensuing
 Voted and excused Edward Thomas from serving Constable the present year And by vote made choice of Samuel Knith Constable

1809 Annual March Meeting brought over

April 3rd At a Meeting Voted and Elected Samuel Peckham from
 Serving Constable the present year -
 And by Vote made Choice of Abraham Miller Constable
 for the year ensuing -
 Voted and Accepted of Benjamin Richmond Constable
 in the room of Capt. Joseph Richmond by their Joseph
 Being the S. Benjamin's bondsmen to the faithful
 Discharge of his Office -
 Voted & Accepted of Noah Cushman Constable in the room
 of James Soule by the S. Soule being the S. Cushman's
 bondsmen in the faithful Discharge of his Office -
 At a Meeting By Vote made Choice of Nathan
 Washburn Surveyor of highways the present year
 Voted & Chose Wm. Thompson Esq. Surveyor of highways
 for the year ensuing -

Senec Viewers & Field Drivers the present year
 Jonathan Hartlow Jr. Solomon Thompson, Henry Shobridge
 Seth Southworth Earl Sears Manapha Robbins -
 Obadiah Lamson, Elijah Eaton Jr. Eustachius Weston
 Abel Booth

Surveyors of Lumber

Emel Wood Wm. Thompson Esq. Nathas Briggs
 Elisha Peckham Capt. Penas Wood Lt. John Bennett
 Capt. Calvin Pratt

Dishermen

Capt. Joshua Eddy, Elijah Eaton, Abel Booth
 Joseph Hathaway Levi Briggs Josiah Leonard
 William Shobridge Robert Peckham

Housewives

Amos Washburn Edward Cole George Morton
 Capt. Elisha Briggs

Agent at Quatuor Brooks

Voted & Chose Samuel Peckham Esq. Agent to dispose
 of the privilege of taking the Quatuor fish at
 Quatuor Brook the ensuing season

1809 Annual March Meeting continued

April 3rd At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three
 persons to settle accounts between the Town & Town
 Treasurers & report a State of the Treasury (and by Vote)
 Made Choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Mayr Wm. Bourne } the
 Wilkes Wood Esq. } Committee
 & Mr. Levi Peckham

Voted that these Committee be directed to take into
 Consideration what their Treasurers shall receive for his term
 1st year & report

Voted to Choose a Committee to receive examine & allow
 Aids Against & made Choice of the following persons viz
 Wm. Thompson Esq. James Soule Esq. Edward Sparrow Junr.
 Silas Tilton Esq. & Howard Wilkes Wood Esq.
 Luke Peckham, Moses Clark, Caleb Morton

At a Meeting Voted to raise the sum of three thousand
 \$3000.00 Dollars on the rateable polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of
 the Town of Middleborough the present year for the express
 purpose of Amending & repairing the Highways & Bridges
 In said Town the present year rateable Estates to be taken
 on from the 1st Day of May next and the Money so
 raised be expended in the same manner as was the last
 year Reference being had to that Vote

Voted then Meeting stand Adjourned to Monday the 10th
 Day of March Instant at 2 O'clock P.M. at the
 Town House in said Town Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Jurymen for April Court

April 3rd At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Middleborough assembled in Town Meeting April 3rd
 1809 - Did then & there Appoint by Drawing out
 of the box as the Seals Directs, Silas White &
 Isaac Samson to serve as grand Jurymen for the
 year and did then & there Appoint by drawing out
 of the box as the Seals Directs Simeon West and
 Amos Tucker to serve as petit Jurors at
 April Term Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Governor Lt Governor & Senators

April 3^d At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, Qualified by the Constitution of the Commonwealth to vote for Governor Lt Governor & Senators the 3^d Meeting was held as the Constitution directs and holden on the 3^d day of April being the first Monday of 3^d Month 1809. For the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lt Governor for 3^d Commonwealth and Senators and Counsellors for the County of Plymouth votes for the following persons were given in counted sorted & Declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is Directed (viz)

	Votes
For Governor { The Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq 435	
{ The Hon. Christopher Gore Esq 221	
{ Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq 1	
{ Hon. David Cobb Esq 1	
	Votes
(For Lt Governor) { Hon. Joseph B. Varnum Esq 407	
{ Hon. David Cobb Esq 207	
	Votes
Senators { Seth Spague Esq 382	
{ Nathan Willis Esq 382	
{ Nahum Mitchell Esq 198	
{ Kilbory Whitman Esq 197	
Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk	

1809 County Treasurer

April 3^d At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough April 3^d 1809

To give in their votes for a County Treasurer
Majr Peter Hoar Moderator

For Ephraim Spooner Esq	76	Votes
For David Bacon Esq	20	"
For Capt. Nathl Wildet Junr	9	"
For Nahum Mitchell Esq	1	"
For Kilbory Whitman Esq	1	"
Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk		

1809 Fall Meeting for 1808 by Adjournment

April 3^d The Annual Fall meeting being continued by Adjournment to April 3^d 1809 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment Thomas Weston Moderator of 3^d Meeting And then by Vote Adjourned 3^d Meeting to May meeting 3 O'clock P.M. Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting by Adjournment

April 3^d A Town meeting held March 6th 1809 being continued by Adjournment to April 3^d 1809 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment Capt. Calvin Prater Modr And then by Vote this meeting stand adjourned to the 10th day of April Instant at 4 O'clock P.M. Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting Nov 7th 1808 by Adjournment

April 3^d A Town Meeting held Nov 7th 1808 being continued by Adjournment to April 3^d 1809 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment Majr Peter Hoar Modr And then by Vote this meeting stand adjourned to May Meeting 5 O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Fall Meeting for 1808 by Adjournment

April 10th Annual Fall meeting being continued by Adjournment to April 10th 1809 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment Mr. Wm. Weston Modr And then by Vote Adjourned 3^d Meeting to May Meeting 3 O'clock P.M. at the Town House in Town Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting Nov 7th 1808 by Adjournment

April 10th A Town Meeting held Nov 7th 1808 being continued by Adjournment to April 10th 1809 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment Majr Hoar Modr And then by Vote Adjourned 3^d Meeting to May Meeting 5 O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting March 6th by Adjourn.

April 10th A Town Meeting March 6th 1809 being continued by Adjournment to April 10th 1809 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment Capt. Calvin Prather Mod.

At wth Meeting Voted & accepted of the reports of the Committee Chosen by the Town to procure a place to set the Town pound -

Voted to pass to the seventh Article in the warrant for this meeting

Voted not to act any further on the seventh Article in the warrant respecting the petition of Spicard Daniel Smith

Voted to act on the sixth Article in the warrant for this meeting representing the petition of Capt. John Carver & others

At S^d Meeting Voted to choose an Agent on behalf of S^d Town to appear when he sh^d. Agents shall in his Opinion think it necessary to defend the Road paid out by a Committee Appointed by the S^d Court of Sessions on the petition of Col. Edward Sparrow Capt. George Vaughan & others, Against all Opposition which Federalist, Mallet or others may bring Against the Establishment of S^d road so paid out

And by Vote Made Choice of W^m Thompson Esq. Agent for that purpose

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to May Meeting 3 O'clock P.M. At S^d S^d Town Esq.

1809 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

May 8th At a Meeting of the Major part of the Selectmen of Town Esq. & other inhabitants legally assembled in the Selectmen's room May 8th 1809

Did there & there Appoint by Drawing out of the box as the Laws Direct Dr. Elyah Eaton & Samuel Bates to serve as Grand Jurors for S^d Court And also

Appoint by Drawing out of the box Henry Woodbridge and Dr. George Leonard to serve on the Jurors of Criminal & S^d Court At S^d S^d Town Esq.

1809 Annual March Meeting by Adjourn.

May 15th The Annual March meeting for 1809 being continued by Adjournment to May 15th 1809 was then taken up agreeable to the Adjournment & the following business done

At S^d Meeting by Vote made Choice of S^d Thomas Special Surveyor of Highways the present year in the room of John Miller Esq.

Voted and made Choice of Weather Briggs Esq. Surveyor of Highways the ensuing year

At S^d Meeting Voted & renewed Jesse Bryant Esq. from Surveying Highways the ensuing year

Voted to choose one person as an Assistant to their Assessors in settling with the Daniel Weston

And by Vote made Choice of Nathaniel Wood Esq. Agent for that purpose

Then by Vote Adjourned S^d Meeting to the next Town Meeting 3 O'clock P.M.

Voted to reconsider the Vote whereon the Town Voted to Adjourn S^d Meeting & to take it up again for further Business

At S^d Meeting Voted and Accepted of the report of the Committee who were Chosen by the Town to give a place for depositing the Selectmen's & Town Treasurers Books in future

At S^d Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to Repair to the S^d Court & to see if the alms house had a sufficient & proper way up in S^d room

Voted to choose S^d Committee by Nomination And by Vote made Choice of Ebenezer Miller S^d & Peter Thomas & John Starkham Esq. the Committee

Then by Vote Adjourned S^d Meeting to the next Town Meeting 3 O'clock P.M.

At S^d S^d Town Esq.

1809 Representatives to the General Court
 May 15th At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
 Town of Middleborough in Town meeting assembled on
 Monday the 15th day of May 1809 for the choice of
 Representatives to the General
 Court for the ensuing year.

At a Meeting voted to send four Represent-
 atives to the General Court the present year.
 Voted that the names of the persons to be chosen as
 Representatives be brought in by General ballot.

Then proceeded to the choice of the following
 Gentlemen to Represent the Town the ensuing year.

Samuel Dickens Esqr	had	226	Votes & was Chosen
W th Seari Pierce	had	226	Votes & was Chosen
W th Thomas Westcott	had	228	Votes & was Chosen
Major Peter Hoar	had	227	Votes & was Chosen

Then the Meeting was dissolved.
 Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting March 6th by adjourn.
 May 15th At a Town Meeting held March 6th 1809 being
 continued by adjournment to May 15th was then
 taken up agreeable to adjournment.
 Capt. Calvin Pratt Modr.

Then voted to adjourn the Meeting to the fall meeting
 then voted to reconsider the vote wherein the Town
 voted to adjourn the meeting & to take up a meeting for
 further business. Voted this meeting stand adjourned
 to next Town Meeting 3 o'clock P.M. Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1809 Fall Meeting for 1808 by adjournment
 May 15th The Annual Fall Meeting for 1808 being continued
 by adjournment to May 15th 1809 is taken up.
 Agreeable to adjournment & the following business
 Done. Mr. Thomas Weston Moderator.
 Then by vote adjourned the meeting to the next fall
 meeting 3 o'clock P.M. Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1809 Annual March Meeting 1809
 July 31st The Annual March meeting of 1809 being contin-
 ued by adjournment to July 31st 1809 was then taken up.
 Agreeable to adjournment & the following business was
 Done. Major Peter Hoar Moderator

At a Meeting voted and qualified the selectmen of the
 the selectmen in saying and a road on the purchase of
 a number of inhabitants in that part of the town of
 Middleborough called Titicut by Capt. Calvin Pratt
 promising for himself & others owners of the road
 to maintain a good sufficient bridge over the
 canal where a road is laid out so long as it shall be
 approved for the purpose of the road.

At a Meeting voted to remit to Mordcai
 \$5.00 of Mordcai five dollars being a bill on the Farmers
 Exchange Bank which he took in collecting the
 Town's money

Then by vote adjourned the Meeting to fall meeting
 3 o'clock P.M. Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting July 31st 1809 on roads

At a legal meeting of the voteable inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled on Monday July 31st 1809 and the following business

Done Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted to postpone acting on the petition of John Sinkham Esq. & others Wadsworth until the fall meeting

upon the petition of Jacob Thompson Voted that the Town make no opposition to the alteration of the road prayed for provided the S. Jacob in addition to purchasing the land for the alteration & fencing if he shall bind himself to make one half of the new road good and passable & provided also that the S. Jacob shall secure to the public a good & convenient watering place on said altered road Voted also that if the S. Jacob does not comply with the above vote the selectmen oppose the alteration of S. road

At S. Meeting Voted to choose an Agent in behalf of S. Town to appear at the Court of Sessions next there to oppose the petition of John Alden & others praying for the location of a road on the S. side of the S. road

Wm. Thomson Esq. Agent for the above purpose also Voted to confer with Hobbins Bisha & others in their petition & directed their Agent to attend with the Committee which the Court may appoint on S. petition

Voted at S. meeting to choose a Committee to settle and settle the Town's Daniel Weston who bid of as public Vendor the support of the poor for the year 1809

and by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen

(viz) Col. Abel Washburn Wilkes Wood Esq. Major Wm Bourne the Committee Voted to add one of the selectmen to the Committee & made choice of Mr. Peter Hoar by vote adjourned S. meeting to fall meeting
3. O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting March 6th 1809 by adjournment

July 31st A Town meeting held March 6th 1809 being continued by adjournment to July 31st 1809 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator then by vote adjourned S. Meeting to the fall meeting next to be held at the Town house on S. Town & Colony P. M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Jurymen for August Term

July 31st At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough July 31st 1809

Did then & there appoint by raising out of the box as the Law directs Squire Amiel Wood and Capt. Abner Barrows to serve as Jurymen at the Court of Pleas to be held at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second Tuesday of August next Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Town Meeting March 6th 1809 by adjournment

Sept 18th A Town meeting held March 6th 1809 being continued by adjournment to Sept 18th 1809 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment & the following business Done Wm. Thomson Esq. Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted to allow & pay out of the Town money to Capt. Abel Thomas forty eight Dollars & fifty cents for building the Town pound agreeable to the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to draw a plan of S. pound

Then adjourned S. Meeting to the next Town meeting 3 O'clock P. M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

Capt. Pratt given to Capt. Thomson

1809 Annual Fall Meeting for 1809

Sept. 10th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 10th of September 1809 agreeable to a warrant for that purpose Mr Thomas Weston Moderator.

At a Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable polls and Estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the sum of three thousand & three hundred dollars for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges arising in & Town the present year. Rateable polls & estates to be taken in from the first day of May last past and to be paid in to the Treasury by the first day of March next. but should not one half be paid in by the first day of June the next. If such execution for the whole but should one half be paid in by the first day of April that execution be suspended until the first of July ensuing.

At a Meeting Voted to locate public Venue to the highest Bids the privilege of taking the Alewife fish at the several fishing places in & Town on the same conditions they were the last year.

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to see that the Alewife fish have a sufficient passage way up the streams & dams through which it fish have to pass the ensuing season and to remove all obstructions to effect the same.

Wm. Thomson Esq.
Capt. Abner Bassett
John Linkham Esq. } The Committee

Voted that the Auditors Chosen by the Town in March last be a Committee to report to the Overseers of the Poor what poor persons in their respective Districts are entitled to receive Alewives gratis from the Town agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth.

1809 Fall Meeting for 1809 Continued

Sept. 10th At a Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three to enquire into the Situation of a piece of Land lying between Jedediah Muller & Deborah Cushman which by Span the proprietors left for the use of roads and to adopt such measures as they in their Opinion shall think most expedient for disposing of said Land and report to the Town their Doings and by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Wm. Thomson Esq.

Isaac Thomson Esq.

John Linkham Esq.

The Committee

Then by Vote adjourned this meeting to the first Wednesday in November next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Wm. Thomson Esq.

1809 Town Meeting July 31st 1809. by adjourn.

Sept. 10th The Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough July 31st 1809 being continued by adjournment to Sept. 10th 1809 was taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done.

Thomas Weston Moderator.

At a Meeting Voted to Choose an agent on behalf of & Town to settle accounts between the Town and Daniel Weston by Reference or in such other way as he the agent shall think most for the interest of said Town or pursue in said defence of the Town and by Vote made Choice of William Wood Esq. Agent.

Voted to add two of the selectmen as assistants to said Agent & by Vote made Choice of

Samuel Perkins Esq.

John Peter Esq.

Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the first Wednesday in next May at 4 o'clock P.M. Mr. S. W. Weston Town Clerk.

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleboro: to settle accounts between S. Town and their Treasr. and report a State of the Treasury, and also what said Treasr. shall have this year for his Services ending March 1809. having performed that Service
they leave to the Town as follows (viz) -

1 st That there is due from said Town to Wm Bennett by Note on Interest	\$359.00
To Capt. Calvin Pratt by Note	80.82
" Samuel Pickens Esq. by do	104.00
" Daniel Weston on Interest about	280.00
" Washburn & Rounsaville on A/c	15.32
" Mays Thomas Bennett on do	3.58
" Beyer & Sons falling due on & before April next	1112.78
" Silvanus Wilson for Treasr. Services up to match last	18.00
	\$1973.50

2 nd That there is due to said Town from the Treasr. now in his hands	\$27.74
From Doct. Joseph Clark	87.00
4 years & 4 months Interest	1.82
From Ebenezer Varnum Junr.	1.05
From Ebenezer Wilder on Note	10.54
Do. Gotham Wood & others 1806 & 7	80.38
Do. Thomas Weston & others "	17.72
Do. Capt. John Carver & others "	61.87
Do. Capt. Abner Barrows & others "	105.00
Do. Jeremiah Thomas & others "	102.00
Do. John Hinds & others "	28.00
Do. Samuel Briggs	92.00
	443.96

3 rd From Constable Wm. Briggs for 1805	1.14
Isaac Holloway " 1806	11.71
Baley Reed " 1807	22.64
Leather Muddack " "	6.76
Crocker Cobb " 1808	35.64
Robert Rider " "	286.32
Edward Sparrow " "	109.97
James Bump " "	289.21
Enos Eaton " "	60.93
Greenleaf Pratt " "	87.77
Abiel Booth " "	52.52
	2814.06.27

Leaving a balance against S. Town of \$ 566.73

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4th The Balance as said Town as standing on Treasr. Books - \$ 566.73

All which is Submitted Sept. 15. 1809

Wm Bennett Committee to
Wilkes Wood. for settling with
Sewi Pierce the Treasr.

Estimate of Town expenses for the year 1809 & 10.

Balance against the Town as above	\$ 566.73
due for collecting Taxes for 1808 & 9 about	70.00
for Schools as the last year	88.40
Expenses allowed by the Town last year	186.00
for collecting Taxes for years 1809 & 10	90.00
Out standing orders about	8.70
Interest	93.00
Due to the Town of Plymouth	\$2759.73
Contingencies for Treasr. and such as do	115.00
	325.27
	\$ 3200.00

Accepted by the Town in Legal Town Meeting Sept. 20. 1809
Attest Silas Wilson Town Clerk

1809 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

October 9th At a Legal meeting of the mag^{ist}. part of the Selectmen & Town Clerk and other inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro: Legally assembled in the Selectmen room October 9. 1809

Did then & their appoint by drawing out of the box as the said writs - Maj^r. Thomas Bennett and W^r. Samuel Miller to serve as Grand Jurors for said Court. And also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the said writs Capt. Calvin Pratt & W^r. Sewi Tinkham to serve as petit Jurors at S. Court to be holden at Plymouth on the third Sunday of Oct. instant Attest Silas Wilson Town Clerk

1809 Annual March meeting for 1809 by adj.
Nov. 1st The Annual March meeting being continued by
by adjournment to Nov. 1st 1809 was then taken up
and the following business done Major & Hear Moderator
And by vote adjourned said meeting to the first Wednesday
of Decr. next at 3 o'clock P.M.

1809 Town Meeting held March 6th 1809 by Adjourn.
Nov. 1st A Town Meeting held March 6th 1809 being
continued by adjournment to Nov. 1st was then taken up
and the following business done (viz)
Capt. Calvin Pratt, Modt.
Then by vote adjourned said meeting to the first Wednesday
of Decr. next at 3 o'clock P.M.

1809 Town Meeting held July 31st 1809 on road &c
Nov. 1st A Town meeting held July 31st 1809 being continued
by adjournment to Nov. 1st 1809 was then taken up
and the following business done (viz)
Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator
At said meeting voted that the agent chosen by the Town
to settle with Saml Weston should be paid of drawing
the money out of the Treas^r to tender to S. Weston
that he be authorized to procure the money on such
terms as to obtain it. Voted this meeting stand adjourned
to the next Town meeting 2 o'clock P.M.
Notes to reconsider the vote wherein the Town voted
to adjourn said meeting & to take it up again
Voted that Wilkes Wood Esq. be an agent to take
Security of Jacob Thompson in behalf of S. Town for the
S. Thompsons performance in making a certain piece
of road petitioned for by S. Thompson & others
At said meeting voted to shew the petition of
Wilkes Wood Esq. and others praying for a road to commence
in front of the Town House in S. Town thence to extend on the
line of Wm Bourne Land Southcastle Nainasket river
across S. river & so on until it unite with a public highway
to the eastward of Milgar Croboar And by vote made choice
of John Thompson Esq. agent for adjourned to next Town meeting 3 o'clock

1809 Annual Fall Meeting for 1809
Nov. 1st The Annual Fall meeting for 1809 being continued by
adjournment to Nov. 1st 1809 was then taken up & adjourned
to adjournment and the following business done (viz)
M^r Thomas Weston Moderator
At said meeting voted that all moneys due to the
Town the first day of June last past shall be
paid in to the Treas^r within eighteen days or execution
thereof; and that that has become due since the said
first day of June be suppressed until the first of
March next.
Voted to provide to the sale of the privilege of
taking the salmon fish immediately
And by vote made choice of Thomas Weston
Vendor Master to dispose of S. privileges
Selling mill privilege sold to Joseph Bump
for the sum of \$107.00
Do Stone was sold to George Hackett 100.00
for the sum of
Hoardhampton Brook sold to John Hinds 34.00
for the sum of
Voted & accepted of Col. Abel Washburn &
Gamel Ransomville as bondsmen to Joseph Bump
for S. privilege
Voted & accepted of Jeremiah Thomas & Seth Miller
as bondsmen to George Hackett for S. privilege
Voted & accepted of Martin Wright & Abner Clark
as bondsmen to John Hinds for S. privilege
Then by vote adjourned said meeting to the first
Wednesday of Decr. next at one o'clock P.M.
At the Silvanus S. Brown M^r 1809

1809 ¹⁷³ Juryman for November Court
 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of said
 Town on Wednesday the 1st day of November 1809
 (Did then & there appoint by drawing out of
 the box as the said Directs Nathaniel Bump, and
 Job Alden Jurors, to sit as Justices at S. Court
 to be held at Plymouth within & for the County of
 Plymouth on the ~~third~~ Tuesday after month
 Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Annual March Meeting for 1809
 At the Annual March Meeting for 1809 being continued
 by adjournment to Decem^r 6th was then taken up
 agreeable to adjournment & the following business done viz
 Mayr Peter Hoar Moderator
 At said Meeting voted & ordered Abraham Miller
 from serving Constable the present year
 And by vote made choice of George Leonard's the son
 of George Leonard to serve as Constable for the Town of
 Middleboro' the present year in the room of S. Miller. &c.
 Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the next Town
 Meeting 2 O'clock P. M.
 Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1809 Fall Meeting for 1809 by Adjourn^t
 At the annual Fall meeting being continued by adjournment
 to Decem^r 6th was then taken up agreeable to the
 adjournment M^r Thomas Weston Moderator
 and by vote adjourned said meeting to march
 Meeting next to be held at the Town House in
 said Town at 2 O'clock P. M.
 Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1809 ¹⁷⁴ Town Meeting December 6th 1809
 At the Town Meeting of the Town of Middleboro'
 being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday
 the 6th day of December 1809 agreeable to a warrant
 for that purpose
 Voted to choose the Moderator by nomination
 And made choice of Mayr Peter Hoar Moderator
 Voted this meeting stand adjourned for one hour said meeting
 being taken up agreeable to adjournment & the following
 business done viz
 At said Meeting voted to sell to the Lowest Bidder
 (The support of all the poor belonging to the Town of
 Middleboro' as for which S. Town are liable to support
 in Grose) for the Term of one year commencing on the
 second Monday of April next & ending on the second
 Monday of April in the year 1811 on the same Conditions
 and articles of sale they were the last year reference
 being had of S. Conditions
 Voted to provide to sell the Substant of S. Poor
 this day in Town Meeting And by vote made choice
 of Mayr Peter Hoar Moderator to dispose of
 S. Substant
 Doct Joseph Clark being the Lowest
 Bidder the said Vendor Master declared the support of
 the poor of said Town to be sold to him the S. Joseph
 Clark for the Term of one year for the sum of
 Twelve hundred & eighty Dollars \$1280.00
 By vote made choice of Nathan Wood Esq an agent for
 said Town to draw the bond for the purchaser to give to the
 Town for the faithful discharge of said Town
 Voted that the penalty of S. Bond be double the amount
 of what the Support was due of at Voted & accepted
 of Martin Keeth & Sumner Miller as Bondsmen to
 the said Joseph Clark for his faithful & punctual
 Performance in discharging said poor
 Voted not to act on the third article in the warrant
 for this meeting Adjourned to March Meeting
 3 O'clock P. M. Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Sept^r 18th 1809 being the adjournment of the Fall meeting for 1808.
 Voted and Accepted of the reports of a Committee Chosen by the Town to form the Town into New School Districts which are as followeth (viz)

Capt. William Shaw's District

N^o 1 Bounded as follows (viz) by a line beginning at Plympton line at the road leading from Plympton to Middleboro^r thence running westerly to the House of Seth Eddy including him with his Estate thence westerly excluding Joshua Eddy's estate & including the Estate of E^d Jones Smith and that whereon W^m Hanson lately lived to the House of Elisha Cox including Cox & his estate thence due North to Halifax line thence by Halifax & Plympton Lines to the Bounds first named.

W^m Zachariah Paddock's District

N^o 2 Bounded North by District N^o 1 Easterly by Plympton Line & Carver line & Southwesterly by a line parallel to the highway leading from Plympton to Saunter half a mile Southwesterly of S^t highway from Carver westerly excluding however John Vaughan & estate so far as to include William Cornish & his estate thence by a line excluding the estates of John & Thomas Bennett and Ebene^r Cox to Elisha Cox's House.

Town District

N^o 3 Bounded Easterly by N^o 2 Northwesterly by a line from the House of Elisha Cox running westerly including the Estate of Samuel Briggs & excluding the estate whereon the Widow Waller lives to the highway where the line of Schabees Woods farm crosses S^t road to the Southwesterly of his House including the Richey estate so called thence by S^t Woods Line to Nemasket river thence up S^t river to Bennett's Bridge thence by a line Easterly including Gardner Woods Estate & excluding Esquire Sinkham's estate to Sewer Sinkham's House including him & Sewer Smith with their Estates thence by a line to include Sewer Bryant and his estate to N^o 2 to which we annex Isaac Thomas & his Estate.

Col^l Washburn's District

N^o 4 Bounded as follows (viz) by a line beginning at the road where it is crossed by the Southwesterly line of Schabees Woods farm thence on the road to Aaron Snows House including him & his estate and all the Family with their Estates within half a mile to the eastward of S^t road thence in the Southwesterly line of Silvanus Warrens House to Nemasket River crossing the same thence in the westerly line of Joseph Bennett's Land to the road thence by the road to Isaac Thomas's Farm Ebenezer Waters & estate thence to the bound first named including all the Family with their Estates.

Capt. William Thompson's District

N^o 5 Bounded as follows (viz) beginning at Nemasket River in the Southwesterly line of the late farm of Jacob Cushman's Decade thence Northwesterly by S^t line to the extent of S^t farm thence to Swamp bridge so called and then to Halifax line & Northwesterly by the great river westerly by Nemasket River.

Ezra Isaac Thompson's District

N^o 6 Easterly by N^o 1 Southwesterly by N^o 3 westerly by N^o 4 Northwesterly by N^o 5.

Rocky Meadow District

N^o 7 Bounded Easterly & Southwesterly by Carver line Northwesterly by N^o 2 westerly by a line drawn from N^o 2 so far Westward only as to include the House where the Widow Rether Shurtleff dwells thence by a straight line to the Causeway across mopey Swamp near the House of Joseph Bishop thence on a straight line to where Rocky Meadow Saw mill Brook crosses Carver line excluding the place where Josiah Howard lived & including that where Benjamin Thomas Jr. lived.

Dea^r Benjamin Thomas's District

N^o 8 Bounded Easterly by N^o 7 Northwesterly N^o 2 & 3 westerly by a line running from the mouth of Fall Brook between the Houses in which Benney Cobb lived & that now owned by Sewer Cobb thence running on a due North line to N^o 3 & Southwesterly by Joseph Bryant's pond a line from S^t pond running Sixty rods Southward of the House of Isaac Thomas & westerly to the Southwesterly of the House where Josiah Howard lived to N^o 7.

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Capt. Percy Churchills District

N^o 9 Bounded easterly by Carver's from Carver line
by Double Brook (so called) upstream to the Cedar Swamp
thence Northerly by S. Searcy to Rocky gutter bridge
thence due north to N^o 5 thence westerly by N^o 8 and
N^o 7 to Carver line.

Consider Bensons District

N^o 10 Bounded Southerly by Rochester line westerly by a
line from S. Rochester line North N. West to
where one branch of Black brook crosses the highway
near the dwelling House of Samuel Maxham thence
down S. brook to the line of Joseph Smith thence north-
easterly to the highway twenty rods upward of where
Henry Hackett lived thence on a straight line to Rocky
gutter bridge thence southerly by N^o 9 to where the
Double brook runs east of the Cedar Swamp thence southerly
40 rods eastward of the house where Josiah Smith lived
thence southerly to the road 60 rods eastward of where
W^m Morison lived thence southerly to Rochester line
60 rods eastward of John Holmes dwelling House.

St. Baron District

N^o 11 Bounded westerly by N^o 10 Southerly by Rochester
easterly by Warham & Carver & Northerly by the
double brook.

Capt. John Carver's District

Dean James Shaw's District

N^o 12 Bounded easterly by N^o 10 Northerly by black brook
westerly by black brook & southerly by Rochester
line & excluding Martin Keith & his Estate.

Capt. John Carvers District

N^o 13 Bounded easterly by N^o 9 and Northerly by N^o 8 & a line
from N^o 8 at the highway between the Houses of Josiah
Thomas & Vemond Thomas running westerly across the pond to
the highway at the easterly corner of the farm where Nathaniel
Allen lately lived thence westerly on the line of the S. Shaw
farm to Millers neck brook & thence down S. brook to black
Brook thence up S. brook to N^o 10 thence easterly by N^o 10
N^o 9. Excluding Barnabas Perkins, Benjamin Coombs,
Josiah Barrows, Nathaniel Finkham, Ebenezer Finkham & Isaac
Finkham with their estates & Vem Barrows.

Capt. Sparrows District

N^o 14 Bounded Northerly by a line drawn from the four corners
near Trumahah Weston to N^o 8 so as to include John Thomas &
his Estate & exclude Jacob Wood & his Estate & by N^o 8 South-
erly by N^o 13 & westerly by a line beginning at the westerly
corner of N^o 13 at Millers neck brook & running 10 rods
to the Southward of the spot where Phillimon Dunham
lived on the land of Peter Millers thence running 10 rods to
include Seth Miller & his Estate & to exclude Nathaniel Thomas
and his Estate to the four corners to the easterly of the late
dwelling House of Vemond Pratt & thence N. & West
to N^o 3.

Esq. John Finkham's District

N^o 15 Bounded on the west by Nemasket river on the north
by N^o 3 & N^o 8 on the east by N^o 11 on the west by
Fall brook and to include Jacob Wood & Isaac Smith
with their estates.

Nemasket District

N^o 16 Bounded on the north by fall brook on the east by
N^o 13 on the south by the southerly ends of the
Southermost Year of hundred acre lots in the 1000
Purchase & by Pokshies road & Hoawampsoo pond and
westerly by Nemasket River excluding Joseph Redding
and the farm where he now lives.

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Madmarer Neck District

N^o 17. Bounded westerly by the Rockwell and the east
Dunthorne from Dunthorne by Rockwell line easterly
by black brook & Miller's Neck brook Northerly by
N^o 16 but excluding the Rev. Samuel Wilson's the
Estate whereon he now lives William Wilson & William
Gibbs with their Estates.

Down House District

N^o 18. Bounded beginning on Nemasket River at the
Southerly corner of the Spooner lot (so called) now owned
by Dr. Joseph Clark thence down S. River to the easterly
line of Isaac Thomas farm thence westerly by S. Thomas
line to the southerly corner of his farm thence to the
widow Priscilla Mortons House including her and the
Estate whereon she lives thence to Rhoadsland road at
the Southeast corner of the widow Ransoms farm
thence by S. road easterly till it comes to Dr. Joseph
Clarks land thence to the bound first mentioned.

John Hurlocks District

N^o 19. Bounded beginning where Purchase brook enters into
the River thence up S. brook to where it crosses the road near
Seth Eatons House thence running Southerly by the road
including the inhabitants on the westerly side of S. road
within fifty rods of the same with their Estates & his
Estate thence Northerly to the westerly corner of N^o 4
thence by N^o 4 to N^o 6 thence by N^o 6 to N^o 5 thence
by N^o 5 to Nemasket road thence down S. River and
the Great River & to the bound first mentioned but excluding
Benjamin White & family & the farm on which he now
lives.

M^r John Alders District

N^o 20. Bounded beginning at the Turnpike bridge thence Southerly
on S. Turnpike to the Crossroad by the House of Joshua Shaw
thence Southerly by S. Cross road to the House of Jonathan Washburn
including him & his Estate all on both sides the road & Turnpike &
Road who live contiguous thence by the road to where Purchase Brook
crosses the road near Seth Eatons Dwelling house including the
inhabitants on both sides of the said road thence down the S. brook to
the River & by S. River to the Turnpike bridge above including
Benjamin White & the Estate whereon he lives.

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N^o 21. Rev. M^r Gurney's District

Bounded easterly by N^o 20 Southerly by the road running westerly
from Joshua Shaw's House and to include S. Shaw David Shaw and
Joseph Aldrich from thence to the Great River between the lands
of Jonathan Spooner & Elijah Reed westerly & Northerly by the
Great River.

N^o 22. Joseph Leonards District

Beginning at the Bating brook on Saunter line thence over
S. brook to trout brook thence up S. Trout brook to the
S. corner of the late Y. Adcock's farm thence South to
the highway by S. Highway to the land of John Richmond thence
easterly by this land and Samuel Miller's land to trout brook again
thence up S. brook to Elisha Dinkham's land thence easterly to
the House of Josiah Richmond including him & Elisha
Dinkham & their estates thence easterly to the corner of the
three Precincts thence on the Precinct line to Rhoadsland
Road thence by S. road to the bound first named & excluding
Earl Sears, Gibbins Sharp Gibbins Sharp & Nathaniel
Thompson with their Estates including all on the Northerly
side of the East mentioned road except Thompson
To which district we annex Ebenezer Jones & his Estate.

William Drake's District

N^o 23. Bounded northerly & easterly by N^o 20 and by a line from
Jonathan Washburn including Solomon Eaton's Estate to the
Turnpike Northward of Elisha's & Jones' House Southerly by
N^o 22 & westerly by the Great River including Solomon Eaton
& William B. Leonard & their Estates.

N^o 24. Maj^r Hoars District

Bounded Northerly by N^o 18 including Elijah Smith & the Estate
whereon he now lives westerly by N^o 22 including Gibbins
Sharp & Gibbins Sharp & until it comes to Crooked
Lane thence by Crooked Lane to David Carwells including him
& his family thence to Dean Briggs including him & his Estate
Southerly to the Great Pond & Southerly & easterly by S. Pond
& Nemasket River. To which District we annex Earl Sears &
his Estate from which we exclude Ebenezer Jones.

N^o 25. Spawampsett Neck District

Bounde^d westerly by long pond & the brook from Long pond to the great pond southerly by Great pond & Rochester easterly by east quillens & backshier Ponds & Northerly by Spawampsett pond.

N^o 26. Hugh Montgomerys District

Bounde^d begining at Nathaniel Thompsons House including him & his Estate thence running to the westerly side of Elders pond thence from S. Pond southward to the new road (so called) thence to the eastward side of Leathes Pishens House thence to the Eastward side of Thomas Pishens land thence to the Westward side of Daniel Macomber farms thence Northward to Little pond thence Eastward by Rhode Island road to the bound first named.

N^o 27. Abner Clarks District

Bounde^d begining at the North end of long pond, thence by the line of Gershom Foster & Debede Chauds Land & to the Southward of Elijah Macomber & Samuel Shearmans lands to the road thence by the Southward side of S. road to George Pishens Land thence Norward & westward of S. Pishens House and Enock Pishens House to the highway including the said Pishens & their Estates thence by S. Highway to the Samsons farm including the same thence southerly including Isaac Hathaways to the beaver dams thence down the stream to Long Pond thence to the bound first named.

N^o 28. Ebenezer Honds District

Bounde^d easterly by N^o 27 & Long Pond thence westerly by Great pond line to the north side of the little cedar swamp thence westerly to Bells bridge thence northerly on the North side of Apsones Cedar Swamp to dammed brook thence up S. brook to the Saw Mill thence Eastward including all George Pishens farms to N^o 27 thence to the bound first named not to infing on upon N^o 27 excluding George Pishens and his Estate.

N^o 29. Rufus Howland's District

Bounde^d on the South & west by Great pond northerly by the Spawampsett Cedar Swamp & a little cedar swamp near the Long pond Eastward by N^o 28.

N^o 30. Moses Parris' District

Begining at the Brook at the westward of Thomas Pishens House at the bridge thence down the brook to the cedar swamp including Isaac Parris his family and property thence by the Cedar Swamp to the line of Dartmouth line thence by Taunton line to the little pond thence by district N^o 26 to the first mentioned bound excepting Thomas Pishens & his Estate who is set to N^o 26.

N^o 31. Capt. Elias Samsons District

Bounde^d southerly by N^o 27 westerly by N^o 26 Northward by N^o 24 southerly by Spawampsett and the Long pond & the Brook between S. Ponds.

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N^o 32. Martin Keiths District

Boundaries beginning at the corner of Elijah Thomas's
standing on Spring brook. thence a southerly course by said
brook until it comes to black brook, thence by the southerly
course of S. black brook until it comes to Elisha Raders
land thence a westerly course on the line between the
lands of Elisha & Samuel Raders & Joseph Keith
until it comes to Noah Clarks land thence a southerly
course by S. Clarks land until it comes to Elijah Perry
land. thence a westerly course on the line between the lands
of S. Elijah Perry, Noah Clarks, Elijah Thomas and
William Gibbs until it comes to the
highway thence North ten degrees west until it
comes to the mud road that crosses Rocky woods thence
by S. new road & the highway to the boundary mentioned

N^o 33 Malbone Briggs & Gideon Harkins District
who with their families & estates are set in a District
by themselves to have their money provided they
shall spend the same in a shopping

N^o 34 Samuel Eatons District
Boundaries east by the Town House District
North by District N^o 19 & 20 westerly & southerly
by N^o 23 & 24

Annual March Meeting for 1809

1809. March 5th The Annual March Meeting for 1809 being
continued by adjournment to March 5th 1810 was then
taken up by Mayr Peter Hoar Moderator
Then the Town by Vote Disposed said Meeting
Attest Silvanus Pitham Town Clerk

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1810. Annual March Meeting for 1810

March 5th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
of Middleborough qualified as the Freeholders
to vote in Town meeting on Monday the 5th day
of March 1810 for the choice of Town Officers
and other business inserted in the warrant for said
Meeting (viz)

At said Meeting Voted to choose the moderator by
Nomination and by vote made choice of

At said Meeting Voted to choose the moderator by
Nomination and by vote made choice of
Mr Thomas Weston Moderator
Voted to choose the Town Clerk by Nomination and
Silas Tilton being Nominated was chosen Clerk of
S. Town the year ensuing

Then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen
for the year ensuing by written ballot

Mr Thomas Weston	Selectmen
Dr Seth Miller Junr	
Mayr Peter Hoar	
Samuel Richards	
At said Meeting	For the
	year 1810

At said Meeting Voted the Selectmen be the
Assessors for S. Town the ensuing year

Treasurer
Voted to choose the Treasurer by Nomination and
Silvanus Pitham being Nominated was chosen
Treasurer for the year ensuing

Constables for 1810
At said Meeting Voted to choose the Constables by
Nomination and by vote made choice of
Ephraim Bent, Abraham Miller, Samuel Richards,
William Bryant, Jacob Shaws, Seth Southworth,
Gideon Harkins, Tratte Pickens, Dr Joseph Cushman &c

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1810 Annual March Meeting brought over

March 5th At said meeting Voted to choose a Committee to
Superintend each School District in S. Town.
Voted to postpone choosing the Committee until April
meeting and each School District be invited to appoint some
person in the School District to which he belongs and
to lay it before the Town for their approbation

Surveyors of Highways

Edward Sparrow, Josiah Perkins, Otis Thomas
Capt. Nelson Wood, Joseph Tinkham, Joseph Smith Shaw
Eugene Washburn, Horat Spencer, Henry Strobridge.
Capt. Joseph Richardson, St. Josiah Clark, Jonathan Phinney.
Capt. Peter Hoar, Josiah Freeman, William Cornish Jr.
John Perry Isaac Bryant Jr., Andrew Cobb,
William H. Hiley, Capt. Nelson Thomas, Eliab Wood.
Josiah Burrows, Edward Thomas, Hugh Montgomery.
George Vaughan, St. Melzar Tinkham, Capt. David Smith,
Jesse H. Keith, Ethan Pierce, St. Joseph Cushman.
Capt. Abel Thomas, St. Horat Clark, St. Solomon Thompson.
Ethan Raymond, John Benson, Nathl. Bump.
St. Amos Wood, Wm. Thompson, Horat Weston.
St. Barnabas Clark.

At said Meeting Voted that the Division of
a Surveyors District of highways in that part of the
Town called Tinkham be referred to the Officers of said
Town to make a Division of S. District.

Agreeees

Quilford Broom, Elijah Hoar, Thomas Daggitt
Wm. Thompson, Simon Leonard, D. St. Thos. Shurtwenty
David Thomas Wm. Cornish, Levi Briggs, Barnabas Perkins
David Caswell, Josiah Robinson, Belar Thompson
Wm. Cornish Jr., Jonas Thomas, Voted & agreed that
Thomas & made choice of Amos Raymond.

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1810 Annual March Meeting continued
March 5th Viewers & Field Drivers

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of
Plymouth.
THE subscribers respectfully represent, that the road
leading from the house of Abel Gibbs, in So. Middle-
borough, and terminating at Carver line, near the house of
Otis Thomas, in Middleborough, is narrow and crooked
and is not laid out; that public necessity and convenience
require that said road be widened and straightened and laid
out. Wherefore they request you to view the premises
and cause such widening and straightening and new loca-
tion as in your opinion the public welfare demands, and to
discontinue such parts of the old road as may be considered
useless by reason of new locations.
NATHANIEL SHURTLEFF & 16 others.
March 20, 1843.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
PLYMOUTH ss.—At a regular meeting of the County Com-
missioners, begun and holden at Plymouth, within and
for the County of Plymouth, on the third Tuesday of
March, A. D. 1843.
UPON the petition aforesaid, ordered, that the commis-
sioners meet for the purpose of viewing the premises on
Tuesday, the sixth day of June next, at the house of Abel
Gibbs, in Middleborough, in said county, at ten o'clock in
the forenoon; and it is further ordered, that attested cop-
ies of the said petition with the order of the commissioners
thereon, be served, published and posted, according to law;
that all persons and corporations interested in the premises
may be duly notified to appear at the time and place afore-
said, if they are aware, and be heard thereon.
Attest: Jno. B. Thomas, Clerk.
True copy of the petition and order thereon.
Attest: Jno. B. Thomas, Clerk.

True copy
attest N. Hayward
Kuff

Amos Thompson, Henry Strobridge
St. Josiah Bardsd.
Keith & Joseph Worton
and Earl Sears and by vote
of the Town, Voted & agreed
to make choice of

number
Eugene, Weather, Briggs
Wood, John Benson

ton Abel Booth
Washburn, Benjamin Coombs
and others.

Honourables

Amos Washburn, Levi Muddock, and Macomber
Weather Briggs

Committee on Accounts
William Thompson Esq. Mr. Elijah Shaw
Wm. Martin Keith, Silas Tinkham, Wm. Abel Booth.
William Wood Esq. Capt. Calvin Pratt, St. Horat Clark
Mr. Caleb Morton the Committee

Committee to settle with the Treasurer
Voted to choose a Committee to settle accounts between
the Town and the Town Treasurer, and to both audit the
Treasurer and by vote made choice of the following gentlemen
Majr. Wm. Benson &
Wm. Wood Esq. } The Committee
Wm. Levi Pierce }

1890 Annual March Meeting brought over

March 5th At said meeting voted to choose a Committee to
 Superintendent each School
 Voted to postpone choosing
 meeting and each School
 persons in the School
 & lay it before the Town

Surveyors of

Edward Spaulding, Josiah
 Capt. Nelson Wood, Ephraim
 Cyrus Washburn, Abner
 Capt. Joseph Richmond, Lt. John
 Capt. Peter Hoar, Josiah
 John Perry Isaac Bryan
 William Appleby, Capt. A.
 Josiah Burrows, Edward
 George Vaughan, Lt. Melba
 Jeremiah Smith, Ethan
 Capt. Abel Thomas, Lt. Abner
 Abner Raymond John Benson, Nathl. E. Simpson
 St. Ansel Wood Wm. Thompson Esq. Abner Weston
 St. Barnabas Clarke

At said Meeting Voted that the Division of
 a Surveyors district of highways in that part of the
 Town called Schemer be referred to the Appraisers of said
 Town to make a Division of S. District

Agreeees

Quilford Booth, Elijah Hoar, Thomas Daggett
 Wm. Thompson Esq. Simon Leonard D. Thos. Hestevant
 David Thomas Wm. Cornish Levi Briggs Barnabas Perkins
 David Cassell Jm. Josiah Richmond Belar Thompson
 Wm. Cornish Jm. Jonas Thomas, Voted & Exposed
 Thomas & made choice of Amos Raymond

1891 Annual March Meeting continued

March 5th Hence Viewers & Field Dividers

Jonas Cushman, Lt. Solomon Thompson Cherry Strabridge
 Major Peter Hoar, Earl Seay, Isa. B. B. B.
 Voted & Exposed East Seay and by vote
 made choice of Elephat, Elmer, Voted & Exposed
 Major Peter Hoar & by vote made choice of
 With Southworth

Surveyors of

Jonas Wood, Wm. Thompson Esq., Abner Briggs
 Martin Smith Capt. Jonas Wood John Benson
 Capt. Calvin Pratt

Thingsmen

Zechariah Eddy, Elijah Eaton Abel Booth
 St. Paul Hathaway Luther Washburn, Binger, Coombs
 William Strabridge Robert Rider

Honorees

Amos Washburn Levi Muddock, Ad. Macomber
 Abner Briggs

Committee on Accounts

William Thompson Esq. Mr. Elijah Shaw
 Mr. Martin Smith, Silas Tilton, Mr. Abel Booth
 Wilkes Wood Esq. Capt. Calvin Pratt Lt. Abner Clark
 Mr. Caleb Norton the Committee

Committee to settle with the Treasurer

Voted to choose a Committee to settle accounts between
 the Town and the Town Treasurer and report a statement of the
 Treasury and by vote made choice of the following gentlemen
 Major Wm. Bourne
 Wilkes Wood Esq. The Committee
 Mr. Levi B. B.

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1810 Annual March meeting brought over
March 5th Town Receipt

At said Meeting by vote made choice of Do^r Joseph
Clark for Constable. Then by vote exp^d J. Clark
& by vote made choice of M^r W^m Bourne to
keep the Town record the ensuing year - - -

At said Meeting voted to raise on the rateable Polls
and Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town for the express
purpose of amending & repairing the highways and
bridges the sum of three thousand Dollars to be expended
in the same manner as was the last year.

That is to allow 10th of a cent for a man & 10th of a cent of
oxen per hour for all the labour done on the highways
before the first day of July next and for all the work
done after the said first day of July 7th of a cent per hour
for a man & 4th of a cent for a yoke of oxen per hour and for a
horse cart & plough to be kept & directed with the
Highway for the price as they shall think proper.

At said Meeting voted that swine have liberty to
run at large the ensuing season & yoked
according to Law. Voted to reconsider the above vote.
So far as that swine shall not be allowed to run at
large until the first day of May next.

At said meeting voted that Meat Cattle shall
not run at large on the highways and Commons the
ensuing season except those persons who are unable to
keep but one cow shall have that privilege first forming
a Certificate from the Selectmen of said Town.

Voted at said meeting not to act on the 14th article in
the warrant for this meeting on the request of
Elijah Thomas & others.

Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the first
Monday in April 2nd O'clock. Voted to reconsider the
vote wherein the Town voted to adjourn the meeting and to
take it up again for further business.

Then by vote made choice of Sam^l Perkins Esq^r.
Deputy to Dispose of the Allusive fishing at
Quintine Brook, ensuing season.

Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in
April 2nd O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Wilson, Town Clerk

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1810 Town Meeting held Dec^r 6th 1809 by adjournment
March 5th

At Town Meeting held December 6th 1809 being continued
by adjournment to March 5th 1810 was then taken
up & agreeable to adjournment.

Then by vote adjourned said meeting to the first Monday
of April next at 8 O'clock P.M.
Attest Silas Wilson, Town Clerk

1810 Annual March Meeting by adjournment
April 2nd

The Annual March Meeting for 1810 being
continued by adjournment to April 2nd 1810 was then
taken up and the following business done viz

At said Meeting voted to choose two persons in
addition to those already chosen so that the aldermen
shall have a sufficient passage way up the stream and
down in said Town through which I wish have to pass the
ensuing season & I remove all obstructions to effect
the same. And by vote made choice of the
following persons viz M^r Isaac Thomas & M^r Isaac
Spicer for the above purpose.

At said Meeting voted and exp^d Experience Root
from Deering Constable the present year and by vote
made choice of M^r Thompson Constable for the year
ensuing.

Voted and exp^d
William Ransom from Deering Constable the present
year. And by vote made choice of M^r Isaac
Perkins Constable for the year ensuing.

Then by vote adjourned said meeting to May meeting
next to be held at the Town House in said Town O'clock
P.M. Attest Silas Wilson, Town Clerk

1810 Governor & Senators

April 2^d At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Senators. Telling on the second day of April being the first Monday of said month 1810 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Senators for the County of Plymouth. Votes for the following persons were given in counted votes and Declaration there made as by the Constitution is Directed (viz)

	Votes
For Governor. Hon ^{ble} Elbridge Gerry Esq ^r	441
Hon ^{ble} Christopher Gore Esq ^r	193
Hon ^{ble} William Gray Esq ^r	441
Hon ^{ble} David Cobb Esq ^r	189
Hon ^{ble} Charles Gore Esq ^r	1
Senators	
Hon ^{ble} Nathaniel Willis Esq ^r	420
Hon ^{ble} Seth Sprague Esq ^r of Duxbury	420
Hon ^{ble} Nathan Mott Esq ^r	177
William Davis Esq ^r	177
Attest: Nathaniel Willis Esq ^r	

County Treasurers

April 2^d At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough April 2^d 1810 for the purpose of giving in their votes for County Treasurers. At Thomas Weston Moderator

For Respectable Cotton Esq ^r of Plymouth	133
David Bacon Esq ^r	184
Barnabas Churchill	1
Benjamin Hayward Esq ^r	1
Attest: Seth Sprague Esq ^r	

1810 Jurymen for April Term & the Year

April 2^d At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Jurymen. Telling on the second day of April being the first Monday of said month 1810 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Jurymen for the year. Votes for the following persons were given in counted votes and Declaration there made as by the Constitution is Directed (viz)

Annual March Meeting for 1810 by Agents

May 14th The annual March Meeting for 1810 being continued by adjournment to May 14th 1810 was then taken up and the following business done viz

At a meeting by vote made choice of Thomas Daggett fence viewer and field driver for the present year. Also by vote made choice of Nathaniel Briggs and Shepley Bennett fence viewers and field drivers for the year ensuing.

At a meeting votes and bound Jeremiah Wright from serving as surveyor of highways the present year. Also by vote made choice of Mr. Job Alden surveyor of highways for the year ensuing.

At a meeting votes and made choice of Capt. Daniel Smith surveyor of highways the ensuing year.

At a meeting votes to have the public money collected the present year by that Person or Persons who will undertake to collect said money for the State for the year.

At Public Auction and procuring condemnors for the satisfaction of the State. Also by vote made choice of James H. Conant constable for the present year.

Voted this meeting stand adjourned for two hours and meeting being taken up agreeable to adjournment and adjourned to the next Town Meeting to be held at the usual hour at one o'clock P.M.

Attest: Nathaniel Willis Esq^r

1810 Annual Meeting by adjournment
 May 13th At a S. Meeting Voted that Daniel Smith
 be Discharged from his bond for the support of
 Peter & wife on condition that he take and support to
 the S. Peter one year from the first Day of June
 May Instant & save the Town harmless therefrom
 The above vote ought to have been entered on the preceding Page
 before the adjournment

1810 Representatives to the General Court

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Middleborough in Town meeting assembled on
 Monday the 14th Day of May 1810 for the choice of
 a Representative or Representatives to the General
 Court the ensuing year

At said meeting Voted that we send five
 Representatives to the General Court the present year
 Voted that the names of the persons Voted for as
 Representatives be brought in on General Tickets
 Then proceeded to the choice of the following
 Gentl^{en} to Represent the Town the ensuing year

Samuel Pichens Esq^r had 205 votes & was chosen
 Maj^r Peter Heart had 197 votes & was chosen
 W^m Thomas Westery had 205 votes & was chosen
 M^r Martin Kelly had 198 votes & was chosen
 M^r Hercules Cushman had 195 votes & was chosen
 Testimony Voted 13
 The said Meeting was Disposed

Attest Silvanus Pillsbury Town Clerk

1810 Town Meeting May 14 1810
 May 13th The Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 being Legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
 the 14th day of May 1810 Agreeable to a warrant
 for that purpose Voted to Choose their Moderator
 by Nominations And Seth Miller being Nominated
 was Chosen Moderator of S. meeting

At said Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to Dispose
 of their Land in Plymouth woods which was set off
 to the Town of Middleborough from Nathan Allen
 by execution Voted to Choose 2 Agents by nomination
 And Wilkes Woodcock being Nominated was Chosen
 Agents to Dispose of S. Land & convey the same
 At S. Meeting Voted to indemnify Honor Seonars
 in a prosecution brought against him for clearing the
 road of incumbrances while acting as Surveyor of Highways
 the last year by his exhibiting his writ to the
 Committee on Accounts for their allowance

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to
 consist of seven to inquire into the practice of other
 Towns with regard to their method of supporting paupers
 and adopt such a plan for the comfortable support
 of the paupers in this Town in future as they may think
 proper Shall think best and most economical to
 be pursued by S. Town and report to the Town at the
 adjournment of this meeting Voted to Choose a
 Committee by Nominations and the following Gentl^{men}
 being Nominated were Chosen

Wilkes Woodcock Col^l Abiel Washburn
 Samuel Pichens Esq^r W^m Thomas Weston
 Captⁿ Calvin Pratt M^r W^m Canby
 John Denham Esq^r

Voted to add two more to a Committee and made Chosen
 of M^r Hugh Montgomery & Captⁿ John Garver
 At S. meeting Voted to Direct their Agents at
 Nathan Brooks to Dispose of the privilege of taking
 the ulawful fish at the beach in the face of the year
 instead of the Spring and to notify the Town of
 Rochester of their Doing

Thus over

1810 ^{19th} Town Meeting May 11th 1810 brought
 May 11th At a meeting voted to choose an agent to
 appear at the next Court of Superior to be holden at
 Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth
 and Oppose if he thinks proper the bill of the Town
 of Middlebury the laying out of the road prayed
 for by William Woodcock and others
 Voted to choose an Agent by Nominations & by vote
 made choice of Nathaniel Cushman Agent for the
 above purpose
 Voted to choose an Agent to call meeting
 to be holden at the Town House at 4 o'clock P.M.
 Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

Town Meeting Dec. 6th 1809
 May 11th A Town Meeting held Dec. 6th and continued
 by adjournment to today 11th 1809 was then taken up
 Voted by vote adjourned to meeting to next Town
 Meeting at 4 o'clock P.M. Attest Silas Willson

1810 Jurymen for the Adjournment of Aug. Term
 At a Meeting of the Major part of the
 Selectmen & Town Clerks & other inhabitants of the
 Town of Middlebury August 30th 1810 and there appointed
 by drawing out of the box as the said clerks
 Simon Washburn & Earl Sears to serve as Jurymen
 on the first Tuesday of Sept. next being an
 adjournment of Superior Court to be holden at
 Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1810 ^{19th} Annual March Meeting by adjournment
 Sept. 17th The Annual March meeting for 1810 being continued
 by adjournment to Sept. 17th 1810 was then taken up
 Agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done
 Voted by vote adjourned to the first Monday
 in Nov. next at One O'clock P.M.
 Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1810 Town Meeting held Dec. 6th 1809 by adjournment
 Sept. 17th A Town Meeting held Dec. 6th 1809 being continued
 by adjournment to Sept. 17th 1810 was then taken up
 Voted by vote adjourned to meeting to the 1st Monday
 in Nov. next at One O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1810 Town Meeting May 14th 1810 by adjournment
 Sept. 17th A Town Meeting held May 14th 1810 being continued
 by adjournment to Sept. 17th 1810 was then taken up
 Agreeable to adjournment Voted by vote adjourned to
 the 1st Monday in Nov. next at One O'clock P.M.
 Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1810 Town Meeting held Sept. 17th 1810
 Sept. 17th At a legal meeting of the respectable inhabitants of the
 Town of Middlebury a Town meeting assembled on Monday
 the 17th day of Sept. 1810 and the following business done
 Voted by vote adjourned to the 1st Monday in Nov. next
 Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk
 At a meeting voted to pass over the second article in
 the warrant for this meeting At a meeting
 voted and directed the Overseers of the poor of the Town
 of Middlebury to settle with the Overseers of the Poor of
 the Town of Plymouth for the support of the Poor of
 the Church of Trinity white Congregational Church being Poor
 Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1875
Fall Meeting Sept. 17th 1875

Sept. 17th At a legal meeting of the notable inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich legally assembled in Town meeting on Monday the 17th day of Sept. 1875 and the following business done.

Resolved to choose the Moderator by nomination - and by vote made choice of Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator.

but Capt. Pratt being absent voted to reconsider the vote in the choice of Capt. Pratt and by vote made choice of Wm. H. Weston Moderator of meeting.

Resolved to pass over the second article in the warrant for one hour.

At said Meeting Voted to sell to the highest bidder the privilege of taking the alouvie fish the ensuing season at the several fishing places in S. Town.

At a meeting Voted to choose Agents to take the alouvie fish at the several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing season and return the produce thereof to the Town.

Resolved to choose three men as agents for S. Town that is one at each fishing place in S. Town.

And by vote made choice of Wm. Ebenezer Willard Agent to take S. fish at the fishing places during season.

And by vote made choice of Capt. James Barron Agent for S. Town to take S. fish at the Oldstone wharf.

Also by vote made choice of Capt. Elias Samson Agent for S. Town to take S. fish at the Hanson's point wharf the ensuing season.

At said Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to consist of three to give the agents who are chosen by the Town to take the alouvie fish the ensuing season such instructions as they in their wisdom shall think most conducive for the interests of the inhabitants of S. Town.

And by vote made choice of the following Gentl.
Col. Abel Warburton
Saml. Pichers
Deo. Perry Thomas

1870 Fall Meeting Continued
Sept. 17th

At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to consist of three to see that the alouvie fish have a sufficient passage way up the streams and dams through which they have to pass the ensuing season and take such measures to remove the obstructions to effect the same.

And by vote made choice of the following Gentl.
Maj. Peter Hoar
Wm. Gorham Wood } Committee
Capt. Elias Samson

Resolved and ordered Maj. Hoar from serving on S. Committee and by vote made choice of Capt. James Barron Committee.

At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to consist of nine to report to the Overseers of the Poor what poor persons in their respective districts are entitled to receive alouvie from the Town Grates agreeable to Law - and by vote made choice of the following persons.

Wm. Thompson Esq. Mr. Elijah Shaw Mr. Martin Kinsley
S. P. Pillsbury Mr. Abel Booth Walter Wood Esq.
Capt. Calvin Pratt Mr. Homer Clark and Mr. Capt. Weston the Committee.

Resolved and ordered Mr. Thompson, Weston from serving on Meet. while acting under the sixth article in the warrant for this meeting.

And by vote made choice of Capt. Calvin Pratt Moderator.

At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to consist of three to enquire into the complaint of George Hasket and others against the Owners of the works at the Slatting Mill dam for not providing a sufficient passage way for the alouvie fish the last spring and examine the same relative to that subject and report on the expediency of prosecuting S. Owners for obstructing the fish the last spring in their passage way and work and report at some future meeting and by vote made choice of the following Gentl.

Walter Wood Esq. } Committee
Maj. Peter Hoar
J. C. Smith Esq.

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1810 Fall Meeting 1810 brought over

Sept. 17th At a Meeting voted and directed their Trustees to receive of Robert Prider twenty dollars which he the said Prider collected while in the capacity of Collector for S. Town as Good money.

At a Meeting voted to set of Jedidiah Miller and Joseph Miller from the 14th School District in S. Town and that they be annexed to the 14th School District in S. Town.

At a Meeting voted to raise on the rateable Polls and Estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro the sum of two thousand & eight hundred Dollars for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges arising in said Town the present year. Rateable Polls and Estates to be taken as from the first day of May last Past and bills committed to the Collectors and to be paid in to the Treasurer by the first day of March next but should not be paid in by the first day of April next the Treasurer's receipt for the whole but in case one happens Paid in by the first day of April that execution be suspended until the first of July ensuing. Then by vote adjourned said Meeting to the first Monday of November next at 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1810 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

October 1st At a Legal meeting of the mag. part of the Selectmen & Town Clerks & other inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro Legally assembled at their Town House in S. Town the fourth day of October 1810

Did then & there appoint by drawing out of the box as the said direct Mr. Noah Cushman & Mr. Lemuel Bowne as Grand Jurors for S. Court and also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Jurors Direct St. Elisha Haskell & Mr. Thomas S. Leonard to serve as Jurors at the Supreme Court to be holden at Plymouth on the third Tuesday of October Instant.

Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

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Representative to Congress

Nov. 5th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro Legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 5th day of November being the first Monday in 8th month 1810. Voted for the following Representative of the people of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for Plymouth District the Vote being Votes & Counties & Electors there made as the said Direct gives followeth (viz) —

For Charles Turner Junr Esq.	259
For William Baylies Esq.	103
" Wm Baylies	8
" Charles Turner Esq.	3

There said Meeting was Dissolved.
Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting for 1810

Nov. 5th The Annual March meeting being continued by adjournment to Nov. 5th 1810 was then taken up and the following business done.

Attest Thomas Weston Moderator
Then by vote adjourned & meeting to first Monday in December 3 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

Fall Meeting for 1810

Nov. 5th The Annual Fall meeting being continued by adjournment to November 5th 1810 was taken up agreeable to adjournment.

Attest Thomas Weston Moderator
Then by vote adjourned & meeting to the first Monday in Dec. 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

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1810 Fall Meeting 1810 brought Over

Sept. 1st At a meeting voted and directed their Treas.
to receive of Robert Videt twenty dollars which
he the said Videt collected while in the capacity of
Collector for S. Town in Goodman's money
At S. Meeting voted to set of Jeremiah Miller and
Joseph Miller from the 18th school district in S. Town
and that they be annexed to the 14th school district
in said town
At S. Meeting voted to raise on the valuable Potts
the estates of the inhabitants of the town of Middleboro
the sum of two thousand & eight hundred dollars for
the purpose of defraying the necessary charges arising in
said town the present year. Valuable Potts and
Estates to be taken in from the first day of May last
Potts and bills committed to the Collector and to
be paid in to the Treasury by the first day of
March next but should not be paid in
by the first day of April next to the Collector
This execution for the whole but in case any happens
Paid in by the 1st day of April that execution
be suspended until the first of July ensuing
Then by vote adjourned said meeting to the first Monday
of November next at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest Silas J. Johnson Town Clerk

1810 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

October 2nd At a legal meeting of the mag. part of the
Selectmen & Town Clerk & other inhabitants of the Town
of Middleboro legally assembled at their Town House
in S. Town the fourth day of October 1810
Did then & there appoint by drawing out of the box as
the Law directs W. Noah, Cushman & Atte.
Samuel Bourne as Grand Jurors for S. County and also
Did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law
directs Silas Elisha Marshall & Atte. Thomas E. Spooner
to serve as Assessors Jurors at the Supreme Court to be
held at Plymouth on the third Tuesday of October
Instant Attest Silas J. Johnson Town Clerk

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Representative to Congress

Nov. 5th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
of Middleboro legally assembled in Town Meeting
on Monday the 5th day of November being the first
Monday in a month voted for the following
A Representative of the people of this Commonwealth
in the Congress of the United States for Plymouth District
the vote being taken & counted & determined thereunto
as the Law directs as follows to wit

For Charles Turner Jun ^r Esq.	259	votes
For William Baylies Esq.	103	
Wm Baylies	5	
Charles Turner Esq.	3	

They said Meeting was Dissolved
Attest Silas J. Johnson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting for 1810

Nov. 5th The Annual March meeting being continued
by adjournment to Nov. 5th 1810 was then taken
up and the following business done
Attest Thomas Weston Moderator
Then by vote adjourned & meeting to first Monday
in December at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest Silas J. Johnson Town Clerk

Fall Meeting for 1810

Nov. 5th The Annual Fall meeting being continued
by adjournment to November 5th 1810 was taken
up agreeable to adjournment
Attest Thomas Weston Moderator
Then by vote adjourned & meeting to the first Monday
in Dec. 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest Silas J. Johnson Town Clerk

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1810 Town Meeting Nov. 5. 1810

Nov. 5. A Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. Regularly assembled in Town Meeting November the fifth. The choice of a selectman in the room of Mr. Luther Rice Deacon. And other business transacted in the usual manner. Voted to choose the moderator by nomination and by vote made choice of Mr. Peter Fleet Moderator. The Town then by vote made choice of Capt. Calvin Pratt Selectman.

The said Meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treas. to Capt. Elias Samson Fifty dollars - as damages by him sustained by widening and straightening the road laid out by a Committee appointed by the Hon. Court of Sessions on the petition of Abel Terry & others by his being at the expense of removing the fence standing thereon.

At. S. Meeting voted to choose a Committee to consist of three to agree with Mr. Joseph Briggs for so much of his land as is necessary to widen and straighten the road laid out by a Committee appointed by the Hon. Court of Sessions on the petition of Abel Terry and others and also to see that said road is opened according and by vote made choice of the following Gentl. viz: Mayr Peter Fleet

At. S. Meeting voted to choose a Committee to consist of three to see upon what terms they can hire a House and Land for the use of the poor of the Town the ensuing year and report to the Town what things at the adjournment of this meeting and made choice of the following Gentl. viz: John Smith Esqr. Mayr Wm. Bousie & Mr. Hugh Montgomery

Then by vote adjourned a meeting for four weeks at One O'clock P. M. Attest Eli. J. Johnson Town Clerk

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1810 Town Meeting November 5. 1810

Nov. 5. A Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. Regularly assembled in Town Meeting November the fifth. The choice of a selectman in the room of Mr. Luther Rice Deacon. And other business transacted in the usual manner. Voted to choose the moderator by nomination and by vote made choice of Mr. Peter Fleet Moderator. The Town then by vote made choice of Capt. Calvin Pratt Selectman.

1810 Town Meeting December 6. 1809

Nov. 5. A Town meeting held Dec. 6. 1809 being continued by adjournment to Nov. 5. 1810. was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment. Mayr Peter Fleet Moderator. And then by vote adjourned a meeting to the first Monday in December. Attest Eli. J. Johnson Town Clerk

1810 Town Meeting November 5. 1810

Nov. 5. A Town meeting held Nov. 5. 1810 being continued by adjournment to Dec. 6. 1810 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done. Mayr Peter Fleet Moderator

At. S. Meeting voted not to accept of the report of the Committee appointed by the Town to see on what terms they could hire a House and Land for the use of the poor of the Town of Middleboro for the ensuing year.

At. S. Meeting voted to sell at Public Auction to the Lowest bidder the Support of all the poor belonging to S. Town or for which S. Town are or may be liable to Support for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next and ending on the second of April in the year 1812 on the same conditions they were the last year.

At. S. Meeting voted to postpone the Sale of the Support of the Poor for the term of two weeks.

Then by vote adjourned a meeting to Monday the 17. Day of Dec. instant at 3 O'clock P. M. Attest Eli. J. Johnson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

Dec. 3. The Annual March Meeting for 1840 being continued by Adjournment to Dec. 3. 1840 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done.

1. At S. Meeting Voted to postpone sending the collection of the public money for the term of two weeks.

2. Voted to allow and pay their dues for receiving in and paying out the Town money for the year ending in March 1840 the sum of Fifty Dollars.

3. At S. Meeting by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen a Committee to Superintend the Schools in each District and said Town the present year.

Mr. James Soule for district N ^o 1	Mr. Samuel Samson N ^o 19
Dr. Joshua Cady " N ^o 2	Mr. Edward Cole " N ^o 20
Dr. Thomas Sprague " N ^o 3	Capt. Calvin Pratt " N ^o 21
Mr. Thomas Weston " N ^o 4	Mr. Joseph Leonard " N ^o 22
Wm. Thompson " N ^o 5	Mr. William Drake " N ^o 23
Mr. Noah Cushman " N ^o 6	Majr. Peter Hoar " N ^o 24
Dr. Peter Thomas " N ^o 7	Mr. Abel Nelson " N ^o 25
Mr. Eleazer Thomas " N ^o 8	Mr. Hugh Montgomery " N ^o 26
Mr. John Bent " N ^o 9	Dr. Amos Clark " N ^o 27
Mr. John Benson " N ^o 10	Mr. Abner Briggs " N ^o 28
Capt. Nelson Thomas " N ^o 11	Mr. Earl Sears " N ^o 29
Dr. John Perkins " N ^o 12	Mr. Usher Parrish " N ^o 30
Capt. John Carter " N ^o 13	Capt. Elias Samson " N ^o 31
Mr. John Miller " N ^o 14	Martins Knicker " N ^o 32
Dr. Elias Tabor " N ^o 15	Mr. Israel Eaton " N ^o 34
Mr. Thomas Tilton " N ^o 16	
Mr. Jacob Bennett " N ^o 17	
Majr. Wm. Bourne " N ^o 18	

Then by Vote Adjourned said Meeting for two weeks To be held at the Town House at 3 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

Dec. 3. The Annual March Meeting for 1840 being continued by Adjournment to December 3. 1840 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done.

1. At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to settle the accounts belonging to the Town and their Treasurers.

2. At S. Meeting Voted to proceed immediately to the sale of the Bills for the Collection of the public money as follows: 1. Towns the present year.

3. Voted that said bills be sold by Constables Districts.

4. At S. Meeting Voted to amend the Vote wherein the Town Voted to sell said bills by Constables Districts and that they be sold by Selectmen Districts.

5. Choice of Mr. Thomas Weston Vendor Master to dispose of said bills.

The Bills in Majr. Peter Hoar District sold to Benjamin Pierce for three and a half D^{rs} out on the sum which said Pierce has to collect in S. District.

6. Voted and accepted of Majr. Peter Hoar & Majr. Wm. Bourne as Bondsmen for the faithful performance of the S. District.

The Bills in Samuel Pickens District sold to Luther Washburn for four and a quarter D^{rs} out on the sum which said Washburn has to collect in S. District.

7. Voted and accepted of Saml. Pickens Esq. & Mr. Hugh Montgomery as Bondsmen for the faithful performance of the S. District.

The Bills in Capt. Calvin Pratt District sold to Thomas Clark for three and a half D^{rs} out on the sum which said Clark has to collect for S. District.

8. Voted and accepted of Dr. Joseph Clark & Silas Nelson as Bondsmen to the S. Thomas for the faithful & punctual performance of S. District.

The Bills in Lieut. Seth Millers District sold to J. Barrow for thousand and a half D^{rs} out on the sum which said Barrow has to collect for S. District.

9. Voted and accepted of Josiah Barrow & Martin Knicker as Bondsmen to the S. Barrow for the faithful & punctual performance of S. District.

1810 Annual March Meeting brought Over

Dec. 17th The Bill of Mr. Thomas Weston District Clerk to
 3rd Voted Dr. Joshua Eddy for then & until on the sum which said
 Eddy has to collect for & district
 (Voted) and audited by Wilkes Woodbury & Simeon Briggs
 as Bondsmen to the Dr. Joshua for the faithful &
 Punctual performance of Dr. Eddy's duty
 Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the next Town
 Meeting at 3 O'clock P.M.
 Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1810 Town Meeting Nov. 5th by Adjournment

Dec. 7th A Town Meeting holden November 5th 1810 being
 continued by adjournment to December 7th 1810 was then
 taken up agreeable to the adjournment for the purpose of
 selling at public auction to the lowest bidder the
 supports of all the poor of the Town of Middlebury for which
 said Town are or may be liable for the term of one year
 Mayr Peter Hoar Moderator

At this Meeting Voted that the purchase of the
 support of the poor of S. Town shall not be held to pay any
 expenses for the support of poor persons confined in jail for
 Debt which are not paupers of S. Town

then proceeded to the sale of the support of the poor
 and by vote made choice of Mayr Peter Hoar Vendor
 Master to dispose of S. Support

And Dr. Joseph Clark being the lowest bidder the
 said Vendor Master declared the supports of the poor belonging
 to S. Town to be sold him the Dr. Joseph Clark for the term
 of one year commencing on the second Monday of April
 next ensuing and ending on the second Monday of April
 the Year 1812 for the sum of Nine hundred and
 Twenty Dollars \$920.00

Voted and accepted of Daniel Wood and Thomas Clark
 as Bondsmen to the Dr. Joseph Clark for his faithful
 and punctual performance in supporting S. Poor
 Then by vote adjourned & meeting to the next Town
 Meeting 3 O'clock P.M. Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of
 Middlebury to settle accounts between S. Town and their Treasr and
 Report a State of the Treasury having performed that service
 Ask leave to report as follows (viz)
 That there is due from S. Town to Moses Leonard \$ 10.75
 on Town Books

To Thomas Bennett	1.05
To Calvin Pratt (on note before interest)	67.74
To Peter H. Peirce on Town Books	2.00
To Collectors for poundage (by estimation)	45.
To Dr. Joseph Clark payable October 1810	1053.50
January & April 1811	
Whole Sum	\$1183.04

2nd That there is due to S. Town from the
 following persons (viz)

Silvanus Tilton Treasr	\$50.51
Wilkes Woodbury on Books	24.83
Oben. Vaughan	1.00
Moses Barrows & others on note with interest	52.28
ditto ditto	23.14
Joseph Bump & others on note	10.
George Hackett	100.
John Hinds	31.
Malbone Briggs Constable for 1805	1.12
Baley Reeds	1007 9.00
Robert Rider	1808 19.91
Job Shearman	1809 53.42
Wm Drake	87.59
Heruler Cushman	21.78
Southworth Ellis	44.92
Benjamin Richmond	18.00
Oliver Peirce	89.73
Saml Nelson	26.93
Jaack Thompson on a note dated July 1807	135.00
George Leonard	20.95
Benjamin Ellis on a note	142.00

Accepted by the Town at the adjournment of the
 Annual March Meeting Dec. 17th 1810

Attest Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

\$1010.13

\$172.91

balance against

the Town

Sept. 17th

1810

at which is

submitted

Wm. Bonner

Wilkes Woods

Levi Peirce

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Annual March Meeting for 1810

March 4th The Annual March Meeting for 1810 being continued by adjournment to March 4th 1811 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business Done

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted to be recorded (The report of the Selectmen in laying out a highway on the petition of Dea: Perry Thomas and others)

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted to be recorded the report of the Selectmen in laying out and altering a highway on the petition of Zephaniah Eddy & others

Then by vote adjourned S. Meeting to the first Monday of April next 1 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silas Johnson Town Clerk

Fall Meeting for 1810 by Adjourn.

March 11th The Annual Fall meeting for 1810 being continued by adjournment to March 11th 1811 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business Done

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted to be recorded

by the Town Voted that the Committee Chosen by the Town Voted that the Aluise fish have a sufficient passage way up the Streamer and Dams through which the fish have to pass the ensuing Season be instructed to remove all obstructions & embarrassments that shall be found in the way of fish ascending up the river in S. Town into the pond

At S. Meeting Voted & accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen on the petition of George Blackwell & others which was that the Owners of the works at the Blowing mill had neglected to provide a sufficient passage way for the aluise fish through their dam the last Spring and are liable to prosecution for S. neglect

Voted this meeting stand adjourned to Monday 11th day of March next 2 O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Johnson Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting for 1811

March 4th The Town inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 4th day of March 1811 for the purpose of choosing all Town Officers to be chosen in the Month of March & April proceeded to business in the following manner viz

Voted to Choose the moderator by Nomination and Mr. Thomas Weston being nominated was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting

Voted to Choose the Town Clerk by Nomination and Silas Johnson being Nominated was Chosen Clerk for the Town the ensuing year

Then proceeded to the Choosing of Selectmen for the ensuing year by written ballot

Mr. Thomas Weston	Selectmen for the year 1811.
St. John Miller Junr	
Majr Peter Hear	
Samuel Pickens Esq	
Capt. Calvin Pratt	

At S. Meeting Voted that the Selectmen be the Speakers for the Town the ensuing year

Treasurer

At S. Meeting by vote made Choice of Silas Johnson as their Treasurer for the ensuing year

Voted to Choose the remaining part of the Town Officers by Nomination

Constables

Dea: Joshua Eddy Benaja Peirce
Southern Washburn & Barrows
& Thomas Clark Chosen
Constables for the Town the ensuing year

1811 Annual March Meeting continued
March 4th School Committee or Agents 1811

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| James Coule No. 1 | Willis Woodcock No. 18 |
| Joshua Perkins No. 3 | Samuel Sampson No. 19 |
| Zechariah Eddy No. 2 | Levi Murdock No. 20 |
| Thomas Weston No. 4 | Paul Hathaway No. 21 |
| Wm Thompson No. 5 | Saml Miller No. 22 |
| Noah Cushman No. 6 | Capt Samuel White No. 23 |
| Percy Thomas No. 7 | Edw Southworth No. 24 |
| Elgarat Thomas No. 8 | Abel Nelson No. 25 |
| John Bent No. 9 | Hugh Montgomery No. 26 |
| John Benson No. 10 | Amos Clark No. 27 |
| Capt Nelson Thomas No. 11 | Abel Booth No. 28 |
| John Perkins No. 12 | Earl Sears No. 29 |
| John Allen No. 13 | Bradock Hoar No. 30 |
| Edward Sparrow No. 14 | Genham Foster No. 31 |
| Abraham Thomas No. 15 | Martin Kithen No. 32 |
| George Vaughan No. 16 | Ephraim Leonard No. 34 |
| Jacob Bennett No. 17 | |

At a Meeting Voted that the School Agents be directed to exhibit to the Selectmen a true list of all the Rateable polls in their respective districts by the second Monday of May next ensuing and the Clerk of P. Town is directed to notify said Agents of the above.

Surveyors of Highways

- East Allen, John Thomas Dr Percy Thomas -
Noniam Cushman Noah Cushman Capt Calvin Pratt
David Weston Amos Leonard George Perkins
Capt Joseph Richmond Zechariah Eddy Jonathan -
Phineas Hiram Nelson Jacob Smith Moses Thompson -
David Jacobs Joseph Sampson Amos Raymond -
Earl Sears Oliver Shaw Daniel Weston Henry Bishop
Calvin Murdock Hugh Montgomery Bela Kingman
Ethan Pierce Capt Joseph Cushman Wm Levi Pierce
Amos Clark Capt Thomas Covington Silas Briggs
Amos Benson Nathl Bump Jacob Thomas
Andrew Tucker Solomon White Barnabas Clark
William Harlow Zechariah Weston Capt Dan Smith

1811 Annual March Meeting continued
March 4th Finance Viewers and Select Drivers
Noah Cushman, Stephen Harlow Joseph Danham
Wm Henry Thomas
John Allen
John Miller
Cushman
Wm. Abner Briggs
Wm. Jonathan Standish

Special Notice.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
PLYMOUTH SS.
At a meeting of the County Commissioners, begun and holden at Plymouth, within and for the County of Plymouth, on the first Tuesday of August, A.D. 1868. Wuzasa, upon the petition of Brown, Sherman & Washburn, inhabitants of the town of Middleborough in said county of Plymouth, representing that a portion of the highway known as Water street, in said town, lying between the house of Ira Smith, in the West, and Edward G. Perkins in the East and leading over the Mill-dam is narrow and inconvenient, and the boundary of said highway undefined, and praying the same to be widened, straightened or new located and the boundaries thereof defined. Also that the public necessity required that a highway be located; commencing at the Easterly termination of High Street, in said town thence in an Easterly direction to Main street opposite Rock street, being for the extension of High street to Main street; and praying the same to be located. Due proceedings having been had thereon, it was considered and adjudged by said County Commissioners at a meeting by them held on the first Tuesday of August, A.D. 1868, that common convenience and necessity require that the portion of the highway known as Water street, in said Middleborough, lying between the house of Ira Smith, in the West and Edward G. Perkins in the East and leading over the Mill-dam, be widened, straightened & new located, & the bounds thereof defined; and does not require the location of the highway prayed for in the last clause in said petition.
It is thereupon ordered, that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will hold a meeting at the Nemasket House, in said Middleborough, in said county, on the twentieth day of October next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, by publishing an attested copy of said Adjudication and of this order thereon in the Middleborough Gazette, newspaper printed in Middleborough, in said county, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days, at least, before the day last aforesaid. And it is further ordered, that the sheriff of said county or his deputy, serve the town clerk of the said town of Middleborough with an attested copy of said adjudication and order, thirty days at least, and also post up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said town for

David's
Catory Abel Booth
Middleborough
1855
Revised
Accounts
have a Committee to
amine and allow accounts
Vote made choice of
Sgt. Levi Pierce
Wm. Elijah Shand
of the room of
who was exposed
with the Treasurer
to settle accounts
as Treas. and report
Deq. Chas. of the following gentlemen
Levi Pierce
Willis Woodcock
Hugh Montgomery
Voted that the above Committee be directed to report to the Town what their Treasurers shall receive for his services for the year ending in March 1811

- Haywards
Quilford Booth, Elijah Hoar, Thomas Daggett
Daniel Tucker, Hosea Morish, Levi Thomas
David Thomas, Wm Raymond, Silas Perkins
Nathaniel Furkham, Southwick Macomber, Jeremiah Thomas
Samuel Miller, Dr. Joshua Eddy, Bela Kingman

1811

Annual March Meeting continued
March 4th School Committee & Agents 1811

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| James Soule No. 1 | Wilkes Woodcock No. 18 |
| Southrop Perkins No. 2 | Samuel Sampson No. 19 |
| Isaiah Eddy No. 3 | Levi Merriam No. 20 |
| Thomas Weston No. 4 | St. Paul |
| Wm. Thompson Esq. No. 5 | Saml |
| Nash Cushman No. 6 | Saml |
| Priz Thomas No. 7 | Saml |
| Eliat Thomas No. 8 | Saml |
| John Bent No. 9 | Saml |
| John Benson No. 10 | Saml |
| Nelson Thomas No. 11 | Saml |
| John Perkins No. 12 | Saml |
| John Allen No. 13 | Saml |
| Edward Sparrow No. 14 | Saml |
| Abraham Thomas No. 15 | Saml |
| George Vaughan No. 16 | Saml |
| Jacob Bennett No. 17 | Saml |

At the Meeting voted that the
Divided to exhibit to the Agents a
Rateable Tolls in their respective
Monday of May next ensuing
of \$1.00 is voted to collect said
Surveyors of Highways

- Earl Allen, John Thomas, Dr. C.
Nathan Cushman, Nash Cushman
David Weston, Levi Leonard, Geo.
Capt. Joseph Richmond, Lecha, &
Phineas, Hiram Nelson, Jacob Smith, Moses Thompson,
David Jacobs, Joseph Starbuck, Amos Raymond
Ezra Sears, Oliver Shaw, Daniel Weston, Henry Bishop
Calvin Murdoch, Hugh Montgomery, Bela Kingman
Ethan Pierce, Capt. Joseph Cushman, Hef. Levi Pierce
Abner Clatch, Chas. Thomas, Covington, Silas Briggs
Amos Benson, Nathl. Bump, Jacob Thomas
Amos Tucker, Solomon White, Barnabas Clark
William Harlow, Isahiah Weston, Capt. Dan. Smith

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Annual March Meeting continued
March 4th Free Viewers and Free Drivers
Nash Cushman, Stephen Harlow, Joseph Danham

- Mr. Henry Thomas
in Job Allen Jan
John Miller
Cumber
in Mr. Abner Briggs
Wm. Jonathan Standish

Frank M. Davis
Jan. 4th 1811

Eaton, Abel Broth
in Mr. Middleborough, Harlow, Martin, R. H. L.
Jan. 4th 1811
Accounts
these as Commt. the to
examine and allow accounts
Vote made choice of
Capt. Levi Pierce
in Mr. Elijah Shadrach
in the room of
who was exposed
with the Treasurer
to settle accounts
in Treas. and report
the choice of the following gentlemen
Levi Pierce

Voted that the above Committee be
directed to report to the Town what their Treasurers
shall receive for his services for the year ending in
March 1811

- Hogreaves
Guilford Booth, Elijah Hoar, Thomas Doggett
Daniel Tucker, Hosea Morish, Levi Thomas
David Thomas, Allen Raymond, Silas Pickens
Nathaniel Cushman, Southwick, Macomber, Thomas Thomas
Samuel Miller, Dr. Joshua Eddy, Bela Kingman

1811 Annual March Meeting continued
March 4th School Committee or Agents 1811

James Seale N ^o	July 15 th meeting	19941.41
Joshua Perkins N ^o		10801.3
Joshua Eddy Esq.	Dec 16	245.00
Wm. Thompson Esq.	Aug 10	67.63
Wm. Thompson Esq.	Dec 16	81.00
Wm. Thompson Esq.		400.00
Wm. Thompson Esq.		400.00
Wm. Thompson Esq.		507.10
Wm. Thompson Esq.		100.00
Wm. Thompson Esq.		1800.63
Wm. Thompson Esq.		20.00
Wm. Thompson Esq.		361.63
Wm. Thompson Esq.		74.00
Wm. Thompson Esq.		170.14
Wm. Thompson Esq.		620.77
Wm. Thompson Esq.		9140.07
Wm. Thompson Esq.		11696.19
Wm. Thompson Esq.		11566.47
Wm. Thompson Esq.		129.72

At a meeting of the School Committee held at the meeting house on Monday, 11th May 1811
Resolved to exhibit the Stateable Polls in the month of May next
of which is directed to the Surveyor

East Men, John
Noniram Cushman
David Weston, Thomas
Capt. Joseph Reuben
Phineas, Hiram
David Jacobs, Joseph
Ezra, Henry
Calvin Murdock, Hugh Montgomery, Bela Kingman
Ethan Pierce, Capt. Joseph Cushman, Wm. Levi Pierce
Abner Clark, Capt. Thomas Covington, Silas Briggs
Amos Benson, Nathl. Burns, Jacob Thomas
Amos Dyer, Solomon White, Barnabas Clark
William Haskins, Joshua Weston, Capt. Dan. Smith

1811 Annual March Meeting continued
March 4th Fence Viewers and Field Drivers

Noah Cushman, Stephen Haskins, Joseph Danham
Em: Ephraim Ward, Samuel Miller, Henry Thomas
John Allen, David Alden, Job Allen, John
Sewi Briggs, Joseph Burden, John Miller

Surveyors of Land
Levi Finkham, Wm. Thompson Esq., Nathl. Briggs
Isaac Rider, Capt. Jonas Wood, Jonathan Standish
Capt. Calvin Pratt

Pythingmen
Joshua Eddy Esq., Elijah Eaton, Abel Broth, Jr.
Paul Hathaway, Luther Washburn, Nathan Kithen
William Strobridge, Robert Rider

Committee on Accounts
At a meeting voted to choose a Committee to
to consist of five to receive examine and allow accounts
against the Town - and by vote made choice of
the following Gentl^{en} viz

Willis Wood Esq., Mayr. Sewi Pierce,
Col. Abel Washburn, Wm. Elijah Shand,
Wm. Edward Sparrowfoot, in the room of
Wm. Hugh Montgomery who was excused

Committee to settle with the Treasurer
Voted and chosen a Committee to settle accounts
between the Town and their Treas^r and report
a state of the Treasury and make choice of the following Gentl^{en}
Wm. Wood Esq., Mayr. Sewi Pierce, Wm. Hugh Montgomery
Voted that the above Committee be
directed to report to the Town what their Treas^r
shall receive for his services for the year ending
March 1811

Magistrates
Guilford Booth, Elijah Hoar, Thomas Daggett
Samuel Tucker, Horace Morley, Sewi Thomas
David Thomas, Alden Raymond, Silas Pickens
Nathaniel Finkham, Luther Macomber, Jonas Thomas
Samuel Miller, Dr. Joshua Eddy, Bela Kingman

1811 Annual March Meeting brought over

March 1st House recess -Southey Maumet Obadiah Sampson
James Thomas John Edmister

At a meeting voted to raise on the rateable polls & estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the sum of three thousand Dollars for the express purpose making amending & repairing the Highways and bridges in said Town the ensuing year and the money so raised to be expended in the same manner it was the last year. That is to allow 10^{cts} per hour for a man and 10^{cts} for a yoke of oxen for all the labour done on the highways before the first day of July next and for all the labour done after the first day of July 1st for a man and 7^{cts} per hour for a yoke of oxen and for a horse cart & plough to be set off proportionally with the assessors to determine the price as they shall think proper.

Inspectors of the Alewife Fishery

St Paul Hathaway } Inspectors for Bratts Dam
Job Alden Junr }St. Ichabod Wood } Inspectors for the Sliding mill
John Wood }Capt. Abner Barrows } Inspectors for the Old Stone ware
Garham Wood }Majr Levi Pierce } Inspectors at the New works
John Barden Junr }Majr Peter Hoar } Inspectors at the mouth of the river
Jacksons Canal }

St. Abner Clark Inspectors at Cyprian Smiths Brook

Em. Edward Thomas } Inspectors at Warrens Bridge
St. Lecha. Weston }

Voted to Choose two Inspectors of the Alewife fishery at Robinsons Bridge and as much further down stream as they shall think proper.

Samuel Briggs } Inspectors at Robinsons Bridge
Capt. Nathl. Wilder }Then by Vote adjourned this Meeting to April meeting
12 O'clock at noon Att: Silas Willson, Town Clerk

1811 Annual Fall Meeting for 1810 by Adjourn.

March 11th The Annual Fall meeting continued by Adjournment to March 11th 1811 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment. And the following business done (viz)

Voted to Choose a Moderator in the room of M^r Tho^s Weston the former Moderator who was absent and by Vote made Choice of Majr Levi Pierce then by Vote excused Majr Pierce from serving Moderator and by Vote made Choice of Wm^m Thomas Esq. Moderator of S^d meeting

At S^d meeting Voted not to reconsider the vote wherein the Town Voted to take the Alewife fish by Agents the ensuing season.

At S^d meeting to Choose a Committee to prosecute the Owners of the works at the Sliding mill who called for Neglecting to provide a sufficient passage way for the Alewife fish at S^d works the Sliding Spring and also to prosecute the purchasers who purchase the privilege of taking S^d fish at the several fishing places in said Town for selling S^d fish contrary to said the last spring.

At S^d meeting Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the Town Voted to prosecute the Owners of the works at the Sliding mill who called for not providing a sufficient passage way for S^d fish the Sliding Spring and also the purchasers who purchase the privilege of taking S^d fish at the several fishing places for selling S^d fish contrary to said.

Then by Vote Disposed S^d meeting
Att: Silas Willson, Town Clerk

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1811 Annual March Meeting for 1811

April 1st The Annual March Meeting for 1811 being continued by Adjournment to April 1st 1811 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment, and the following Business Done viz Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator.

At a Meeting Voted to adopt the same method for collecting the public money, viz did the last year that is to sell at public Auction the Collecting the Public money to that Person or persons who will undertake to collect it money for the State & County by procuring Bondsman to the satisfaction of S. Town then by Vote postponed the Sale of the Collection of it money until the fall meeting.

At a Meeting Voted and accepted to be recorded the Reports of the Selectmen in paying out & altering a Public Highway in that part of the Town called Titicut on the petition of Seth Coates Junr. and others.

At a Meeting Voted to pass over the 11th Article in the warrant for a meeting respecting Swine Voted also to pass over the 12th Article in the warrant for a meeting with regard to Neater cattle.

At a Meeting by Vote made choice of Majr. Wm Bourne Pounder for the present year. At a Meeting Voted and made choice of George Caswell House reeve, the present year in the Room of Luther Macomber exreeve.

Voted and exreeved Capt. Thomas Covington from Surveyor of Highways and by Vote made choice of Daniel Darling Surveyor of Highways the present year.

Then by Vote Adjourned the Meeting to next meeting Next at 12 O'clock at noon to be held at the Town House in S. Town.

Attest Silas Wilson Town Clerk

212
1811 Governor & Senators

April 1st At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Senators & Deputies on the first day of April being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven for the purpose of giving their votes for Governor & Senators of said Commonwealth and Senators & Deputies for the County of Plymouth. The whole Number of votes given in were duly counted Record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following Persons

Hon ^{ble} Elbridge Gerry Esq.	379	for Governor
Hon ^{ble} Christopher Gore Esq.	115	
Hon ^{ble} William Gray Esq.	379	for Senate
William Phillips Esq.	115	
Hon ^{ble} Nathan Willis Esq.	379	for Senators
Hon ^{ble} Seth Sprague Esq.	379	
Hon ^{ble} Nahum Mitchell Esq.	115	
William Davis Esq.	115	

also Read the names of the following names

Christopher Gore
William Phillips
Nahum Mitchell
William Davis

not designated what office they were for.

At the opening of said meeting Voted that the votes for Governor and Senators be brought in and General Ticket Deposited.

Attest Silas Wilson Town Clerk

1811 Town Meeting April 1st 1811.

April 1st At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
Qualified Voters of the Town of Middleborough Legally
assembled in Town Meeting on the 1st day of April 1811
for the Choice of County Treas. & Register for the
County of Plymouth and other Business in the
Warrant for.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
1st For County Treasurer
Respectable Cotton Esq. of Plymouth 58 votes
James Warren of Plymouth 107 votes
2nd For County Register
Respectable Cotton Esq. of Plymouth 70 votes
James Warren 1 vote

At a meeting voted to choose a Committee to
Consist of three to examine into the Laws now in force
Regulating the alvise fishery in said Town and Taunton
Great River in Colons. That measures will be expedient for
S. Town to adopt relating thereto whether any and if any
what laws are necessary to be made to the mind
existing Laws and to report at the adjournment of this
Meeting and by vote made Choice of the following
Gentlemen viz.

Wilkes Wood Esq.
Nehemiah Cushman
Nehemiah Eddy Esq. Committee

Then by vote adjourn said meeting to next Town meeting
at 2 O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1811 Jurymen for April Court & for the year

April 1st At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
Town of Middleborough Legally assembled in Town meeting
April 1st 1811. That they and there appoint by
Drawing out of the box as the Laws direct

Mr. Thomas Nelson & Dear Peter Thomas to serve as
Grand Jurors for the year and also did appoint by
Drawing out of the box as the Laws direct

Garnett Rounseville & William Hoar to serve at S. Court
at 10 o'clock at April Term next to be held at Plymouth
on the second Tuesday of April instant
Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1811 Town Meeting April 1st 1811 on the Petition of

April 1st At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
of Middleborough April 1st 1811 on the Petition of
Mr. Simon Daggitt & Experience Daggitt

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At S. Meeting voted that the Selectmen be directed
to Represent S. Town on the Petition of Mr. Simon
Daggitt & Experience Daggitt.
Then by vote Disposed S. meeting Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1811 Town Meeting April 1st 1811 by Adjournment

May 15th A Town Meeting held on April 1st 1811 being
Continued by adjournment to May 15th 1811 was there
taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business
Done viz.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At S. meeting voted and expired Wilkes Wood Esq.
from serving as one of the Committee to examine into the
now existing Laws respecting the alvise fishery in the
Town of Middleborough & Taunton Great River in Colons.
And by vote made Choice of Thomas Weston Esq.
One of S. Committee in the room of Mr. Wood.

Then by vote adjourns S. meeting to next Town
2 O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

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1811. Representatives to the General Court

May 15th At a Legal Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town meeting assembled on Wednesday the 15th day of May 1811 for the choice of a Representative or Representatives to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at the State House in Boston on the 1st of June next day of May instant and during their Session or Sessions the ensuing year.

At a Legal Meeting Voted that we send five Representatives to the General Court the present year.

At a Legal Meeting Voted that the Persons Voted for as Representatives be brought in on General Ticket. Then proceeded to the choice of Representatives to represent S. Town the ensuing year.

And there were sent hundred & two Voted - 102
and necessary to make a choice 202 Voted -
and there were for the following Gentl^{men} (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. had 399 votes & was chosen
Peter Hoar Esq. had 229 votes & was chosen
W. Hercules Cushman had 231 votes & was chosen
Martin Weatherhead had 233 votes & was chosen
Capt. Calvin Pratt had 399 votes & was chosen

When by Vote Disposed said Meeting

Wm. Silas Willson, Town Clerk

216
1811. Annual March Meeting for 1811.

May 15th The annual March meeting for 1811 being continued by adjournment to May 15th 1811 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done.

1. Thomas Weston Esq. Motion -

At a Legal Meeting Voted and excused Wm. Hoar from serving Surveyor of highways the present year & by vote make choice of Samuel Hoar Surveyor of Highways the present year.

At a Legal Meeting Voted not to act on the Eleventh Article in the warrant for this meeting respecting Swine.

At a Legal Meeting Voted not to act on the Twelfth Article in the warrant for this meeting respecting Neat Cattle.

At a Legal Meeting Voted and ordered to be recorded the Reports of a Committee chosen by the Town to agree with Mr. Josiah Briggs his Son & Widow and straighten the road laid out by a Committee appointed by the Hon. Court of Sessions on the petition of Miller & others. Then by vote adjourned said meeting to fall meeting next to be holden at the Town House in S. Town at 3 O'clock P.M.

Wm. Silas Willson, Town Clerk

1811. Jury men for August Court

August 5th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough August 5th 1811.

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs. Jos. Barrows and James Smith Jun^r to serve as jurors at the next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second Tuesday of August instant.

Wm. Silas Willson, Town Clerk

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1841 Town Meeting August 5th 1841

August 5th At a Legal meeting of the voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury August 5th 1841 the following Business done (viz) Seth Miller Junr. Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to consist of three to confer with Mr. Daniel Smith & Dr. Joseph Clark with regard to the Support of Peter Saville for the year 1841 and the Cost of an action commenced against Dr. Smith as Defendant in S. Town for the Support of Dr. Peter And by Vote made Choice of the following Gentl^{en} and to report at this meeting as soon as may be

Mr. Isaac Peirce
Col. Abel Washburn
Capt. Calvin Pratt } Committee

Voted & accepted the report of the Committee chosen as above described which is that Dr. Smith give his note of Hand to the Town of S. Town for the sum of twenty seven Dollars & eighty four cents shall be in full compliance with a Vote of the Town passed in Legal Town meeting May 4th 1841

At S. Meeting Voted to allow and pay to Dr. Joseph Clark out of the Town Treasury twenty Dollars which given when paid is to be in full discharge from S. Town for the Support of Peter Saville for the year 1840 & the year ending the second Monday of April 1841

At S. Meeting Voted to allow the Collectors for collecting the extra Canal Tax two Cents in addition to what they are to receive for collecting the State County & Tax previously committed

At S. Meeting Voted to Consent with Levi Munsell and others in Petitioning the Hon^{ble} Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Plymouth to discontinue a certain part of a road in S. Town as set forth in the Petition

At S. Meeting Voted & made Choice of Hercules Cushman Agent for S. Town to appear at the next Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth within 8 for the County of

Plymouth on the second Tuesday of August Instant & there to use his influence to have that part of a road discontinued which may be by Levi Munsell and others. V. Agent to be at the expense of the Petitioners

218
1841 Fall Meeting September 26th 1841

Sept. 26th At a Legal Meeting of the voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury in Town Meeting Sept. 26th 1841 and the following business done (viz) Seth Miller Junr. Moderator

Voted to pass over the same article in the warrant for this meeting. At S. Meeting

Voted to Choose Agents to take the alwive fish at the several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing year under the same directions they were under for taking S. fish the last year

Voted to Choose S. Agents by Nomination and by vote made Choice of the following Agents

Ebenezer Walder Agent to take S. fish at the Slitting mill ditch So called the ensuing year

Capt. Abner Barrows Agent to take S. fish at the Old Stone ware so called the ensuing year

Spencer Washburn Agent to take S. fish at the Sparsamouth Brook So called the ensuing year

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to take or dispose of the alwive fish at Sparsamouth brook So called the ensuing year and by vote made Choice of Samuel Pickensboro Agent for the above purpose

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to see that the alwive fish have a sufficient Passage way up the Stream & dam through which S. fish have to pass the ensuing season and to remove all obstructions to effect the same and by vote made Choice of the following Gentl^{en} viz

Dr. Jehabai Wood
Walter Woodman
Capt. Abner Barrows
Spencer Washburn
Samuel Sampson } Committee

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to report to the Overseer of the poor what poor persons in their respective Districts are entitled to receive alwive gratis from S. Town agreeable to Law

William Thompson Dr. Mr. Elijah Shaw
Seth Miller Junr. Mr. Abner Briggs
Walter Wood Dr. Capt. Calvin Pratt
Hugh Montgomery Peter Hoar Esq.
& Dr. Thomas Thayer the Committee

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1811 Fall Meeting for 1811 brought over

Sept. 26th Apportioned Expenses
At a meeting voted to choose nine assistants
Apportion one in each Constable District to assist
the present Apportion in taking the Valuation
And by vote made a choice of the following Gentl.
Isaiah Eddy Esq. William Wood Esq. Elijah Eaton
Samuel Cobb, Peter Thomas, Hiram Nelson,
Wm. Strickland, Hugh Montgomery, Hazael Frankham

At a meeting voted to sell at public auction to the
lowest bidder the Collection of the public Money on
the same Conditions it was the last year that is by
Settlements Districts.
Voted to postpone the sale of the Collection of the
Public money until the adjournment of this meeting

At a meeting voted to sell the supports of all the
poor belonging to the Town of Middleboro' or for which said
Towns are liable for one year commencing on the second
Monday of April next to the lowest bidder on the same
Conditions they were the last year - Voted to postpone
selling the supports of the poor until the adjournment
of this meeting

At a meeting voted to choose an Agent
to appear at the Supreme Court next to be holden at
Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth with
Deputational powers to act respecting the verdict of a
jury brought by Mr. Simon Daggett & Experience Daggett
on a road laid out by a Committee appointed by the
Hunt Court of Superior on the petition of John Frankham
and others And by vote made choice of
Isaiah Eddy Esq. Agent for the above purpose
Then by vote adjourned S. meeting for four weeks
and Obeyed P. M.

Wm. Sils. Tillson Town Clerk

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1811 Annual March Meeting 1811

Sept. 26th The Annual March meeting for 1811 being
continued by adjournment to Sept. 26th 1811 was
then taken up and the following business done

At a meeting Thomas Westery Esq. Moderator
The reports of the Selectmen in laying out a highway
on the petition of Wm. Bourne & others and
Condition that the said Selectmen alter some of said
Highway a was located through the lands of Capt.
Wm. Barrow & lay it on the land of the Wm.
Charlotte Bennett
Then by vote adjourned
S. meeting for four weeks & Obeyed P. M.
Wm. Sils. Tillson Town Clerk

1811 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

Sept. 26th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Middleboro' Sept. 26th 1811
Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the
Box as the Law directs William Canedy and
Capt. Eli Throld to serve as Grand Jurors at the
Supreme Court & Calvin Tillson & Samuel
Hampson were appointed by drawing out of the
Box as the Law directs to serve as Trial Jurors at
S. Court on the second Tuesday of Oct. next
Wm. Sils. Tillson Town Clerk

1811 Jurymen for November Court 1811

Nov. 11th At a meeting of the Selectmen & other
Inhabitants assembled in the Selectmen's room Nov. 11th 1811
Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box
as the Law directs Warren Clark & Saml. Miller
to serve as Jurors at the Court of Common Pleas Sept.
to be holden at Plymouth on the third Sunday of Nov. Instant
Wm. Sils. Tillson Town Clerk

1811 Fall Meeting for 1811 by adjournment

Oct. 24th The Annual Fall meeting for 1811 being continued by adjournment to October 24th 1811 was then taken up and the following business done viz

1st Seth Miller Junr. Moderator
 At S. Meeting voted to raise on the rateable polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro² the Sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars for the Express Purpose of paying the necessary Charges arising in said Town the present year. rateable Estates to be taken in from the first day of May last past and bills committed to the several Collectors and paid in to the Treasury at the same time & in the same way it was the last year.

Then proceeded to the Sale of the Collection of the Public Money in open Town Meeting at public Auction
 The Bill in Peter Hoar Esq^r District sold to Tho^s Clark for three D^{rs} cents on the sum which S. Clark has to collect in said District

The Bill in Sam^l Pickens Esq^r District sold to Tho^s Clark for three & a half D^{rs} cent on the sum which S. Clark has to collect in said District

The Bill in Capt. Calvin Pratt's District sold to Tho^s Clark for three D^{rs} cent on the sum which S. Clark has to collect in S. District

The Bill in Seth Miller Junr. District sold to Tho^s Clark for three and one quarter D^{rs} cent on the sum which S. Clark has to collect in S. District

Voted and accepted of Geo^g Joseph Clark & May^r Levi Peirce as bondsmen for the S. Thomas Clark in the faithful discharge of his Duty as Collector of S. Town

The Bill in Tho^s Weston Esq^r District sold to Nathaniel Bump for three D^{rs} cent on the sum said Bump has to collect in S. District

At S. Meeting the Town voted and accepted of Tho^s Weston Esq^r & Silvanus Warren, as Bondsmen to the S. Nathl Bump for the faithful and punctual performance of his Duty as Collector of S. Town

1811 Fall Meeting for 1811 Continued

Oct. 24th Then the Town proceeded to the Sale of the support of the poor of the Town of Middleboro² for the ensuing year

Seth Miller Junr. Vendor Master to whom support of the poor was put in deliberation Doct^r Joseph Clark and Solomon Eaton being the lowest bidder the S^r Vendor Master declared the support of the poor belonging to the Town to be sold to them the S^r Joseph & Solomon for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next and ending on the second Monday of April in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirteen

for the sum of eight hundred & ninety nine Dollars & 099⁰⁰

Shewn by vote accepted of M^r Nathl Cushman and M^r Daniel Wood as bondsmen to the said Joseph Clark & Solomon Eaton for their punctual performance in supporting S^r poor

Then by vote Disposed of Meeting

Attest Sil^{as} Warren Town Clerk

1811 Annual March Meeting for 1811 by adj.

Oct. 24th The Annual March Meeting for 1811 being continued by adjournment to Oct. 24th 1811 was then taken up and the following business done viz

1st Thomas Weston Esq^r Moderator
 At S. Meeting voted and accepted of the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to settle accounts betwixt the Town & their Treasurer

Then voted to adjourn S. Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be held at the Town House in S. Town at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Sil^{as} Warren Town Clerk

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleboro to settle accounts between S. Town and their Treasurer and reports a State of the Treas^r having performed that Service ask Leave to report as follows (viz)

1st That there is due from S. Town to Hozar Kirkham Jun^r \$1.50
 To Capt. Calvin Pratt on Note including interest 21.39
 " Hozar Ames on ac^t 38
 To Doct^r Joseph Clarkson of explosive of timber 1000.51
 1800.00
 To Collector for postage by estimation \$1203.98

2nd That there is due to S. Town from the following
 Persons (viz) Ballance in the Treasurers hands \$36.22
 Gorham Wood on a Note including interest 52.28
 Daniel Smith " " " " 27.84
 George Leonard " " " " 20.95
 Jacob Thompson " " " " 135.00
 Eben^r Vaughan on ac^t 1.00
 \$273.29

Benajah Pierce Collector for 1810 36.98
 Luther Washburn " " " 266.38
 Asa Warraw " " " 328.56
 Thomas Clarke " " " 443.97
 Joshua Eddy " " " 296.38
 \$1643.54

Deduct ballance from Sundry Persons 1203.98
 To the Town as above
 In favour of the Town \$441.56 ballance
 All which is submitted Veto^d 23rd 1811

Levi Pierce
Hugh Montgomery

The Above reports accepted by the Town
in Legal Town Meeting Oct^r 24th 1811

Attest Sil^l Silmon Town Clerk

1812 Town Meeting April 1st 1811 by Adjournment
Feb 7th 3rd A Town meeting held April 1st 1811 being continued
by Adjournment to February 3rd 1812 was then taken up
and the following business done (viz)

At S. Meeting Voted to Chose a Committee to
Consist of three in the room of Hercules Cushman Esq^r
Truhannah Eddy Esq^r & Thomas Weston Esq^r who were ex^{am}
To examine into the Laws now in force regulating the
Salmon Fishery in S. Town & Taunton Great river & Cady
what measures will be expedient for S. Town to adopt
Relating thereto whether any & if any what amendments
are necessary to be made to the now existing Laws and to
Report at the Adjournment of this meeting
and by Vote made Chose of the following Gent^l (viz)
Major W. M. Moore
John Kirkham Esq^r
Col^l Abiel Washburn
Committee

Then by Vote Adjourned S. Meeting to next Town
meeting 2 O'clock P.M. Attest Sil^l Silmon Town Clerk

1812 Annual March meeting for 1811

Feb 7th 3rd The Annual March meeting for 1811 being
continued by Adjournment to February 3rd 1812 was
then taken up and by Vote Adjourned to next
Town meeting to be held at the Town House in
S. Town 1 O'clock P.M.
Attest Sil^l Silmon Town Clerk

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1812 Town Meeting February 3: 1812 On the
 Petition of Jonathan Harvey & others
 Feb 3 At a Meeting Voted to Choose the Moderator by
 Nomination of Seth Miller Junr. being Nominated
 was Chosen Moderator of said Meeting
 At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of
 five to take into Consideration the Petition of Jonathan
 Harvey & others and report Wilkes Wood Esq.
 Isaac Thompson Esq. Wm. Thompson Esq.
 Samuel Pichens Esq. & Mr. Hugh Montgomery the
 Committee who report as follows (viz)
 Common Wealth of Massachusetts
 To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives
 of the Common wealth aforesaid
 Whereas there has lately been by Order of the Honourable Senate
 and House of Representatives of said Commonwealth a
 Citation served upon the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Middleborough calling upon them to show Cause if any
 they have why the prayer of the petition of Jonathan
 Harvey & others praying that the westerly part of Middleboro:
 and the Easterly part of Taunton may be incorporated into
 a new Town & annexed to the County of Bristol, on which
 Citation after due Notice the Inhabitants of said
 Middleborough, met and after a repeated Call for any
 who wished for the New proposed Incorporation to give their
 Reasons, but no one advocated such a measure in Town meeting
 Whereupon, upon Motion to oppose the prayer of said
 Petition, it was unanimously voted in a full Town meeting
 To Oppose the same for the following reasons
 1st Because no one belonging to said Middleborough Living
 within the limits of the new proposed Town appears to
 wish for it, but a large number appear & oppose it
 2^d Because there appears to be no division upon this subject in
 said Town, having for the express purpose of accommodating
 the Inhabitants thereof lately been at considerable expense
 In purchasing Land Building a Town House & other buildings to
 prevent any uneasiness of this kind

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For these and divers other reasons the Inhabitants of said
 Middleborough, humbly pray that the Prayer of said
 Petition so far as it respects the Town of Middleborough
 may be rejected Feb. 3: 1812
 The foregoing report was unanimously accepted
 in Legal Town Meeting February 3: 1812 and agreeable
 To the Directions of said Town an Attested Copy by the
 Clerk of said Town forwarded to the Legislature of
 this Commonwealth Also Voted that the representatives
 of said Town be Directed to Oppose the prayer of the petition of
 Jonathan Harvey & others
 Then by Vote Disposed said Meeting
 Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting for 1811

March 2: The Annual March Meeting for 1811 being
 being continued by adjournment to March 2: 1812
 was then taken up and the following business done
 Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At said Meeting Voted to allow and pay unto
 Silvanus Tillson, their Treasr. fifteen Dollars for his
 15.00 Services as Treasurer ending in March 1811 of \$15.00
 Then the Town by vote Disposed said meeting
 Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1812 Town Meeting April 1st 1811 by Adjourn^t

Rank 2^d A Town meeting held on April 1st 1811 being continued by adjournment to March 2^d 1812 was then taken up and the following business done viz

① At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of a Committee Chosen by the Town of Middleborough to examine the Spaw now in force respecting the Alewife fishery in S. Town & Taunton Great River which is as follows (1812)

Middleborough March 2^d 1812

We the Subscribers a Committee Chosen at a Town meeting holden y^e 2^d day of Feb^r 7. last to examine into the Spaw now in force regulating the Alewife fishery in Middleborough and Taunton Great River (so called) which measures will be expedient for S. Town to adopt relating thereto whether any and if any what amendments are necessary to be made to the now existing Spaw and report the Having attended that Service do hereby report

1st In a strict examination of the Standing fish Spaw we think them fully Sufficient

2^d We recommend to the Consideration of the Town the propriety of their Choosing a Standing Committee of three men for the purpose of receiving Complaints from the several Inspectors and others and prosecute all Breaches of the Fish Spaw on the expense of S. Town and the proceeds of the fines to be paid over to the Town Treas^r (And that the aforesaid Committee shall also be Successors and admit the Owners of the several Dams on the river in S. Town when to take up their Gates to give the fish a pass

All which is Submitted

W^m Bourne P^r Order

Then by Vote Dissolved & Meeting

Attest Sil^l Tillson Town Clerk

1812

Annual March Meeting for 1812

March 2^d The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being Legally Assembled together in Town Meeting on Monday the 2^d day of March 1812 for the purpose of Choosing all Town Officers required by Law to be Chosen in the month of March or April then proceeded and Chose by written ballot Moderator Eld^r Silas Tillson & S^r Joseph

① Thomas Weston Esq^r was Chosen Moderator
Then by Vote made Chose of Sil^l Tillson Town Clerk for the year ensuing

Then proceeded to the Choice of Selectmen by written ballot for the ensuing year

Thomas Weston Esq ^r	Selectmen for the year 1812
Seth Miller Jun ^r Esq ^r	
Peter Hoar Esq ^r	
Samuel Richmond	
W ^m Spoke Reed	

Spears
Then proceeded by written ballot and Chose the Selectmen Spears for S. Town the ensuing year

Treasurer

① At a Meeting Voted to Chose the Treasurer by Nomination and Silas Tillson being nominated was Chosen Treas^r for the ensuing year

Surveyors of Highways

John Miller, Nathan Rider, Ezra Thomas, Nelson Wood, Simon Wood, Joseph Hathaway, Martin White, Barnabas Eaton, Silas Pithers, Capt. Joseph Richmond, Jacob Eddy, Elisha Haskell, Ephraim Smeeth, Samuel Briggs, Francis Wood, Abishai J. Clark, Stephen Tillson, Levi Bryant, Earl Sears, Oliver Shaw, Jeremiah Thomas, Barnabas Perkins, Levi Thomas, Hugh Montgomery, Betsey Wingman, Ethan Peirce, Jacob Vaughan, Capt. Az^r E. Thomas, Abner Clark, Daniel Darling, Micah Leonard Jun^r, Nathan Saverly, Turn over

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March 23 Surveyors of Highways continued
Nathaniel Dumps, Ellis Hallow, Andrews Tucker,
Marshall Eaton, Abiathur Briggs, Joseph Miller,
Spechariah Weston, Abiel Terry.

School Agents or Committee

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| James Sauls No. 1 | Wilkes Woodcock No. 18 |
| Spechariah Eddy No. 2 | John Warren No. 19 |
| Thomas Shroate No. 3 | Edward Cole No. 20 |
| Abiel Washburn No. 4 | Edward Cole No. 20 |
| Wm. Thompson No. 5 | St Paul Hathaway No. 21 |
| Jonathan Hallow No. 6 | Samuel Miller No. 22 |
| Percy Thomas No. 7 | William Drake No. 23 |
| John Bents No. 8 | Ephraim Pierce No. 24 |
| Elisha Thomas No. 8 | Abiel Nelson No. 25 |
| John Benson No. 10 | Hugh Montgomery No. 26 |
| Joseph Lockhart No. 11 | Abner Clark No. 27 |
| John Cushman No. 12 | Abiathur Briggs No. 28 |
| Jonathan Cobb No. 13 | Samuel Hallow No. 29 |
| John Miller No. 14 | Braddock Hallow No. 30 |
| Joseph Weston No. 15 | Gershom Foster No. 31 |
| George Vaughan No. 16 | Isa. Barrows No. 32 |
| Jacob Winnick No. 17 | Enos Eaton No. 34 |

At a Meeting voted that each School Agent be directed
to bring in to the officers of S. Town a list of all the
Pupils in their respective districts by the second Monday
of May next.

Peace Viewers & Field Drivers

- Isaiah Thompson, Capt. Abel Thomas, Abiel Nelson,
Henry Jackson, Samuel Miller, Henry Thomas,
Samuel Cobb, Andrew Allen, Paul Hathaway, Junr.,
Sami Briggs, Luther Washburn, Daniel Weston,
Nathaniel Rider.

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1812 Annual March Meeting continued

March 24 Inspectors of the New River fishery
Elijah Redden, Greenleaf Pratt, } Inspectors at Pratt's Dam

John Warren, Edward Thomas, } Inspectors at Warren's Bridge

Ebenezer Wilder, Gamel Rounsaville, } Inspectors at the Sliding mill

John Barden, Jacob Barrows, } Inspectors at the Orestone dam

Earl Bousne, Levi Pierce, } Inspectors at the Mud works Dam

Samuel Reed, Benajah Pierce, } Inspectors at the mouth of the river

Capt. Silas Briggs, Inspectors at Appanah's Brook

At a Meeting voted that the Inspectors take their oaths
to qualify them for that Office and unless they take the
oath the Committee are not to be obliged not to allow
them pay for their services

Then by Vote Raymond & Meeting to the following day
in April next & O'clock P. M.

West Silvanus Gullison & Son Secy

1812 Jurymen for April Court & the Year

April 6th at a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the
Town of Middleboro' in Town meeting assembled
April 6th 1812. Did then and there appoint by
Drawing out of the box as the Law directs

Col. Abiel Washburn & Capt. Gamaliel Hallow
to serve as Grand Jurors for the Year and also did
appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs

St. Jacob Thompson & Mr. Enos Eaton to serve as Justices
at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at
Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second
Tuesday of June instant

Attest Silvanus Gullison Secy

1812 Annual March Meeting for 1812

April 5th The Annual March meeting for 1812 being continued by adjournment to April 6th 1812 was then agreeable to adjournment taken up & the following business done (viz)

① Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
Then proceeded & gave in their votes for a County Treasurer for the County of Plymouth as follows (viz)

For Peter Cotton Esq. of Plymouth 97 votes
For William Sampson Esq. of D. 114 votes

② Then by vote adjourned said meeting to Monday the 2^d Day of April Instant at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest, John Tillson Town Clerk

1812 Town Meeting April 6th 1812 in the petition of Jackson

April 6th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' on Monday the sixth day of April 1812 and the following business done viz

① Seth Miller Junr. Esq. Moderator
At a meeting voted to choose an Agent to appear in behalf of S. Town at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second Tuesday of June Instant to defend a Suit brought by the Town of Plymouth against the Town of Middleboro' & by vote made choice of Wilkes Wood Esq. Agent for the above purpose

② At a meeting voted to choose a Committee of three to receive complaints from the several Suspenders & others & prosecute all breaches of the fish laws on the expense of S. Town and the proceeds of the fines to be paid over to the Town Treas. and that the aforesaid Committee shall also be surveyors and direct the Owners of the several Dams on the river in S. Town when it shall be their duty to give the fish a passage & that this meeting stand adjourned to Monday the 2^d Day of June instant at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest, John Tillson Town Clerk

Wilkes Wood Esq. Agent for the Town of Plymouth

1812 Governor Spic. Governor & Senators

April 6th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Spic. Governor & Senators holden on the sixth day of April being the first Monday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twelve for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Spic. Governor of S. Commonwealth & two Senators or Counsellors for the County of Plymouth

The whole number of votes given in were duly counted & recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons

① At a meeting voted that the votes for Governor Spic. Governor & Senators be brought in on a General Ticket

	Votes	
Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq.	461	for Governor
Hon. Caleb Strong Esq.	225	
Hon. William King Esq.	461	for Spic. Governor
Hon. William Phillips Esq.	225	
Hon. Nathan Willis Esq.	461	for Senators
Hon. Seth Sprague Esq.	461	
Hon. George Partridge Esq.	225	
William Davis Esq.	225	

② Then said meeting was dissolved

Attest, John Tillson Town Clerk

1812. Annual March Meeting by Adjourn^t 1812

April 27th The Annual March Meeting for 1812, being continued by Adjournments to Monday the 27th day of April 1812, was then taken up and the following business done (viz)

① Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At a S. Meeting Voted and made choice of the following
 Persons Constables for the year ensuing (viz)
 Levi Briggs. Nathan White. Manasseh Robbins.
 Ephraim Spear. Dea. Joshua Eddy. Nath. Burr.

At a S. Meeting Voted to sell at public auction to the
 lowest bidder the Collection of the Public money to be apportioned
 in the Town the present year.

At a S. Meeting Voted to postpone the Sale of the Collection
 of the public money until May meeting next.

At a S. Meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town
 Treasury to Mr. Elias Cushman one Dollar as Damage by him
 sustained by laying a road through his land.

Surveyors of Spunber

① Levi Pinkham Wm. Thompson Esq. Abiathur Briggs
 Isaac Rider, Capt. Jonas Wood, Jonathan Standish
 Capt. Calvin Batt.

Sittingmen

① Calvin Silsby, Elijah Eaton, Abel Booth.
 At Paul Hathaway, Luther Washburn, Martin Keeler Esq.
 William Strobridge, Warren Clarke.

Hogrevers

① Samuel Robbins, Elijah Hoar, Samuel Reed,
 Daniel Tucker, Jos. Alden Junr, Levi Thomas, David Thomas
 Allen Raymond, Silas Pickens, Nathaniel Pinkham
 George Caswell, Jonas Thomas, Samuel Miller.
 Dea. Joshua Eddy, Andrew Alden, Appollis Richmond.

House-revers

① David Caswell Junr, Gadiah Sampson, James Thomas.
 William Coady.

1812. Annual March Meeting Continued 1812

April 27th At a S. Meeting Voted to raise on the taxable polls & estates
 of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the sum of
 \$3000. Three thousand Dollars for the express purpose of amending
 and repairing the highways & bridges & Town the ensuing year
 and to be expended in the same manner it was the last year
 that is to allow for a man 10th 10th hour & 10 cents 10th hour for
 a yoke of oxen for all the labour done on S. highways before
 the first day of July next and for all the labour done on said
 highways after the 1st first day of July seven cents for a man
 and 7 cents for a yoke of oxen & for a horse cart & plough
 to be left to the Discretion of the Overseers to fix the price
 as they shall think proper.

Committee to settle with the Treasurer

① At a S. meeting Voted to choose a Committee to settle and
 balance the Town & their Treasurer and report a State
 of the Treasury
 Wilkes Wood Esq.
 Maj. Levi Pierce.
 & Maj. Wm. Bourne. } The Committee

Committee on Accounts

① At a S. Meeting Voted and made choice of the following
 Persons a Committee to receive examine & allow accounts
 against the Town the ensuing year
 Wilkes Wood Esq.
 Maj. Levi Pierce
 Col. Abel Washburn
 Silvanus Silsby
 & Maj. William Bourne } The Committee

Notice that S. Committee be directed to report to the Town
 in the month of March annually all sums of money by
 them allowed the preceding year.

At a S. Meeting Voted and accepted to be recorded the
 Reports of the Selectmen in laying out a road on the
 Petition of Capt. Joseph Clark & others.

1812 Annual March Meeting brought over

April 27th At a S. Meeting Voted to allow & pay unto
Silvanus Tullson their Treas^r for his Services as Treas^r
for the year ending in March 1812. the sum of
\$15.00 after Dollars + \$15.00+

At a meeting Voted not to act on the eleventh article
in the warrants for this meeting respecting Swine
Voted that male cattle shall not run at large on the
Highways and Commons the ensuing year unless Liberty
first obtained from the Selectmen of S. Town

Pound Keeper

At a S. Meeting by Vote made choice of Major
William Bourne to keep the Town pound the present
year

Agent Quicker Brook

At a S. meeting by Vote made choice of Sam^l Pickens
Agent of the aforesaid fishing at Quicker brook the present
year

School Agents Examined

At a S. meeting by Vote examined Jacob Bennett & Chas
Job Shearman Examined John Perkins & Chas
Andrew Benson Examined John Miller & Chas
George Hackett.

At a S. Meeting by Vote Examined Ethan Pierce from
Serving Surveyor of highways & Chas W. Hoar
Surveyor of highways

Voted and Examined Andrew Allen from Serving Fence Viewer
and Field Driver & by Vote made choice of
Levi Murdock Fence Viewer & Field Driver in the room
of S. Allen

Then by Vote adjourned S. meeting to May meeting
next to be holden at 1 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Tullson Town Clerk

1812 Annual March Meeting for 1812 by adjournment

May 15th The Annual March Meeting for 1812 being continued
by adjournment to May 15th 1812. was then taken up
(and the following business done viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
Then by vote adjourned S. Meeting to the fall meeting
to be holden at the Town House in S. Town at 2 O'clock
P. M. Attest Silas Tullson Town Clerk

1812 Town Meeting held April 6th 1812 adjourned

May 15th A Town Meeting held April 6th 1812 being continued
by adjournment to May 15th 1812. was then taken up
(and the following business done viz)

At a S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of
three to inquire into the grievances of Rebecca & Lydia
Reed with regard to their fencing against the Road
said out by a Committee appointed by the Honorable
Court of Sessions on the petition of J^r Hubbard & others
(and if in the opinion of the Committee the S. Rebecca
& Lydia ought to receive any compensation from said
Town to enable them to build a fence to State wharvesum
they shall receive. and report to the Town their
doings at the adjournment of this meeting

Samuel Perkins Esq.
Mr. Nathl. Macomber
& Co. Thos Washburn Committee

Then by Vote adjourned S. Meeting to the fall
Meeting at 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silas Tullson Town Clerk

1812 Town Meeting May 15th 1812 on the Petition of Jacob Bennett & Others

May 15th At a Special meeting of the inhabitants of the
Town of Middlebury May 15th 1812 the following
business done viz

At a S. Meeting Voted not to act on the second article in the
warrants for S. Meeting
Then by Vote Disposed of S. Meeting Attest Silas Tullson Town Clerk

1812. Representatives to the General Court

May 15th. At a legal meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled on Friday the 15th day of May 1812. for the choice of a Representative or Representatives to Represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at the State House in Boston on the 1st of Wednesday of May Instant &c during their Session or Sessions the ensuing year.

At a Meeting Voted that we send five Representatives to the General Court the present year 96 votes in favour & 59 against.

At a Meeting Voted that the names of the persons Voted for as Representatives be brought in on a General Ticket and there were for the following Gentlemen

For Rev. Joseph Barker — 246 Votes & was Chosen
 Thomas Weston Esq. 241 Votes & was Chosen
 Martin Keith Esq. 240 Votes & was Chosen
 Calvin Pratt Esq. 242 Votes & was Chosen
 May. Levi Pierce — 237 Votes & was Chosen

Then by Vote Dissolved a Meeting
 Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1812. Town Meeting held June 29th 1812

June 29th. At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled June 29th 1812 and the following business done.

Voted to choose the Moderator by Nominations and

1. Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. was Chosen Moderator.

At a Meeting Voted to choose an Agent to inquire into the situation & inhabitation of all poor persons who are or may be confined in jail during the present year for debt on means principle (and who are paupers of the Town) with discretionary power to act respecting the poor debtors and if he the Agent shall think it best & most for the interests of the Town to bail them out.

And by Vote made choice of Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Agent for the above purpose.

At a Meeting Voted to choose an Agent for and in behalf of the Town to settle next betwixt the Town & Daniel Weston or to prosecute.

And by Vote made choice of Wilkes Wood Esq. Agent for the purpose of settling with or prosecuting the said Daniel Weston.

Then Voted to choose a Committee of two to assist the said Agents in obtaining all necessary information respecting the dispute betwixt the Town & the said Daniel Weston and the expediency of settling with or prosecuting the said Daniel Weston.

And by Vote made choice of the following Gentlemen

John Finkham Esq. } Committee
 & Cor. Abel Washburn }

At a Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of nine to assist the Selectmen in regulating the ferry boxes
 Voted to choose a Committee by Nominations

Cor. Abel Washburn, Zephariah Eddy Esq. Silas Tillson
 Dea. Percy Thomas, W. Samuel Miller W. Luther Washburn
 S. Darrabas Glasp, Capt. Calvin Pratt & May. Levi Pierce
 the Committee.

Then by Vote adjourned a meeting to the last Monday in July next at 10 o'clock A.M.
 Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

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1812 Town Meeting held June 27th 1812 by adjournment
July 27th Town Meeting held June 27th 1812 being continued
by adjournment to July 27th 1812 was then taken
up agreeable to adjournment & the following business
Done (viz) Let Mr. Muller Jun^r Esq^r Moderator.
At a P. M. Meeting Voted and Accepted of the
Reports of the Selectmen & a Committee appointed
by the Town of Middleboro with regard to
Regulating the Jury Boxes. Then by Vote
Adjourned P. meeting to the fall meeting & 1 o'clock P. M.
Let Mr. Silas Johnson Town Clerk

July 27th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Middleboro. July 27th 1812. I did then and
there appoint by drawing out of the box as the
Law directs Nathaniel Rider, & Samuel Smith, to
serve as petit Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas
to be holden at Plymouth, within and for the County
of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday of August next
Attest J. Silsbee, Town Clerk

At P. Meeting Voted to Choose
the Moderator by Nomination W. L. Miller Junr Esqr.
being Nominated was Chosen Moderator of P. Meeting

At a Meeting Voted that the Detached Soldiers of
the Town of Madison be allowed by S. Town in
Addition to their pay by the Government of the
U. States & commonwealth a Sum Sufficient to
\$13.00 a month in the whole to thirteen Dollars per month
Whenever they are called by Government to actual
Service of their Country. Also Voted
That, the Noncommissioned Officers who are detached from
the several Companies in S. Town have an additional
Sum to their army pay, allowed by S. Town which
shall be in proportion to the Soldier.

At a Meeting of the Town of Middletown, Conn. held on the 10th day of May 1840, the following Resolutions were adopted, to wit: That the Hon. Court of Sessions would appoint a Committee to lay out a certain Piece of land in said Town, that is, from Rochester to Taurington, as set forth in said Petition.

Sett forth in the Resolution
At a Meeting held to choose an Agent for
and in behalf of S. Town to meet with the Committee
Appointed by S. Court with discretionary powers to
act, as in his Opinion shall be most for the
Interests of S. Town. — and by Vote made Choice
of Mr. Hugh Montgomery Agent for the above
Purpose. At S. Meeting held that

the Selectmen be directed to furnish a Set of
Equipments for one Soldier and if Rodolphus Barton
one of the detached Soldiers should be called into the
Service of his Country that they ^{turn} out to him is -
Equipments -
Shewn by Vote Disposed of -
Meeting
Attest John Willoughby Town Clerk 1772

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1812 Town Meeting held April 6th 1812 by adj^{ts}

Sept. 28th A Town Meeting held April 6th 1812 and continued by adjournment to Monday the 28th Day of Sept. 1812 was then taken up and the following business done

1st Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Moderator
At S. Meeting Voted and Accepted of the report of a Committee Chosen by the Town of Middleboro' at a legal meeting April 6th 1812. to inquire into the Grievances of Rebecca & Lydia Reed, with regard to their fencing against the road laid out by a Committee appointed by the Courts of Sessions in the petition of John Fishham. and others: In which report the said Committee did allow to the S. Rebecca & Lydia Reed to be paid out of the Town Treasury Twelve Dollars in addition to \$1200⁰⁰ that was allowed to them by the Courts Committee

Then by Vote Adjourned S. Meeting
Attest Silo. Willson Town Clerk

1812 Town Meeting June 27th 1812

Sept. 28th A Town Meeting held June 27th 1812 being continued by adjournment to Sept. 28th 1812 was then taken up

Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Moderator
Then by Vote Adjourned S. Meeting to the next Town Meeting two O'clocks P. M.

Attest Silo. Willson Town Clerk

1812 Annual March Meeting for 1812

Sept. 28th The Annual March Meeting for 1812 being continued by adjournment to Monday Sept. 28th 1812 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
Then by Vote adjourned S. Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be held at the Town House in S. Town at 2 O'clocks P. M.

Attest Silo. Willson Town Clerk

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1812 Fall Meeting September 28th 1812

Sept. 28th At a legal meeting of the Voteable inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town Meeting assembled September 28th 1812 & the following business done (viz)

1st Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Moderator
At S. Meeting Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant for this meeting & to suspend the same until S. Meeting there being a motion made to sell the Privilege of taking the Alewife fish and there appeared in favour of Selling 24 votes & against it 33 votes

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose Agents to take the Alewife fish at the several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing year under the direction of a Committee Chosen for that purpose by S. Town

Voted that S. Agents be Chosen by Nomination and the following persons being nominated were Chosen Agents to take S. fish and return the proceeds thereof into the Town Treasury (viz)

Mr. Ebenezer Wilder Agent at the Flitting mill with Capt. Abner Barrows Agent at the Old Stone ware. Mr. John Keinds Agent at Spawampset Brook

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three to adopt such measures as in their opinion shall be most for the Interest of S. Town in taking and disposing of S. fish by S. Agents and that S. Agents govern themselves according to the instructions of the Committee. And by Vote made Chosen of the following Gentlemen

Thomas Weston Esq. (The Committee)
Peter Hoar Esq.
Says John Pierce

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to see that the Alewife fish have a sufficient passage way up the Streams & Cams through which S. fish have to pass the ensuing year and to remove all obstructions to effect the same. And by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen John Barden Jun^r

Sets Ichabod Woods, Capt. Abel Thomas, Peter Hoar, S. Joseph Smith, S. Edward Thomas, the Committee

1812 Fall Meeting for 1812 brought under

Sept. 28th At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to report to the Overseers of the poor what poor persons in their respective districts are entitled to receive alms or Crates from S. Town agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth. And by Vote made choice of the following Gentl^{en}...

William Thompson Esq. Ebenezer Weston
 Wilkes Wood Esq. Mr. Hugh Montgomery
 Dr. Thomas Sturtevant Mr. Elijah Shaw
 Mr. Abner Briggs Calvin Pratt Esq. and
 Mr. Ephraim Speach. the Committee

Oct S. Meeting Voted to sell to the Sover^{ty} bidden the support and maintenance of all the paupers belonging to the Town of Middleboro' or for which S. Town are liable for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April Next on the same conditions they were the last year.

Then by Vote Adjourned S. Meeting to the first Monday of November Next at 10 o'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1812 Jurymen for the Supreme Court 1812

Sept. 28th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' Sept. 28th 1812

Did then & there Appoint by Drawing out of the box as the S. and direct Squire John Murdock, and Capt. John Carver, to serve as Grand Jurors at the Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth and also were Appointed by drawing out of the box as the S. and direct Mr. Jeremiah Miller & Mr. Josiah Secor, to serve as Assessors Jurors at S. Court to be holden at Plymouth on the first Sunday of Oct. Next.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1812 Fall Meeting for 1812 by adjournment

Nov. 2nd The Annual Fall meeting for 1812 being continued by adjournment to November 2nd 1812 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment of the following business Done with Miller Jun^r Esq. Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted to raise on the ratable Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' \$2000 Two thousand & eight hundred Dollars to defray the necessary Charges arising in S. Town the present year Ratable Estates to be taken in from the first day of May last past and bills committed to the several Collectors in S. Town with warrants according to Law and to be paid in to the Treasury by the first day of March Next &c.

Then by Vote adjourned S. Meeting to Thursday the 12 day of November at 12 O'clock at noon at the Town House in S. Town

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1812 Jurymen for November Court 1812

Nov. 2nd At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough November 2nd 1812

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of Box as the S. and direct Jabez Smith and George Parrie to serve as Petit Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of Nov^r Instant

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1812. Representative to Congress.

Novem^r. 23^d At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth held at their Town House in S. Town on the Second Day of November being the first Monday in S. Month A.D. 1812: Voted for the following persons to Represent the people of S. Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Plymouth District were given in Polls Counted & Declaration thereof made as the Constitution directs which are as follows (viz)

For Charles Turner Jun^r Esq. 364 Votes

For William Baylies Esq. 226 Votes

Then S. meeting was Disposed.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1812. Town Meeting to Choose Electors November 12th 1812.

Nov^r. 23^d At a Legal Meeting held at Middleborough in the County of Plymouth on the Twelfth day of November in the year 1812 for the Choice of Electors of Presidents and Vice Presidents of the United States the Undersigned persons had the Number of Votes to their Names Respectively annexed

	Number of Votes
✓ Hon ^r John Adams Esq. of Quincy	247
Hon ^r Nath ^l . Morton Esq. of Freetown	247
Hon ^r John Davis Esq. of Barnstable	247
Rev. Joseph Barker of Middleborough	246
Hon ^r William Heath Esq. of Norfolk	217
William Root Esq. of Bristol	217
Hon ^r Joshua Thomas Esq. of Plymouth	217
David Leudder Esq. of Barnstable	217

Then S. Meeting by vote was Disposed

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1812 Fall Meeting for 1812 by adjournment

No. 12. The Annual Fall meeting being continued by adjournment to November 12th 1812 was then taken up and the following business done (viz) -

1. Seth Miller Junr Esqr. Moderator
At S. Meeting voted to proceed to the Sale of the Support and maintenance of all the paupers belonging to the Town of Middleborough for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next and ending on the second Monday of April in the year 1814

Then by Vote made choice of Peter Hoar Esqr. Vendue Master to (dispose of) the Support of S. Poor

And Doct. Joseph Clarke being the lowest Bidder the S. Vendue Master declared the Support and maintenance of the poor of S. Town to be sold to him the S. Joseph Clarke for the Sum of Eleven hundred and eighty seven Dollars \$1187⁰⁰ -

At S. Meeting voted and accepted of Cor. Abel Washburn & W. Samuel Briggs as - Bondsmen to the S. Joseph Clarke for his faithful and punctual performance in the Support and maintenance of the poor of S. Town

Then by Vote Dissolved said Meeting -

Attest Silas P. Tilton Town Clerk

1812 Annual March Meeting for 1812 by adjournment

No. 12. The Annual March Meeting for 1812 being continued by adjournment to Thursday the 12th day of November 1812 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done (viz) -

1. Thomas Weston Esqr. Moderator
Then proceeded to sell at public auction to the lowest Bidder the Collection of the public money for the ensuing year - in open Town meeting

The Bills in Thomas Weston Esqr. District sold to Dear Joshua Eddy for three % cent on the Sum which said Eddy has to collect in said District

The Bills in W. Souhe Reed's District sold to 3/4 Mr. Thomas Clark for three & half % cent on the Sum which S. Clark has to collect in said District

The Bills in Seth Miller Junr Esqr. District sold to 4/4 Ebenezer Eddy for four % cent on the Sum which S. Eddy has to collect in said District

The Bills in Peter Hoar Esqr. District sold to 3/4 Ephraim Leach for three % cent on the Sum which said Leach has to collect in said District

The Bills in Samuel Pichens Esqr. District sold to 4/4 Silas Pichens for four % cent on the Sum which S. Pichens has to collect in said District

Voted and accepted of Hugh Montgomery & Doct. Joseph Clarke as bondsmen to Dear Joshua Eddy for the punctual performance of his duty as collector of S. Town

Voted & accepted of Nathan Washburn & Simon Backus as Bondsmen to Tho. Clark for the punctual performance of his duty as collector of S. Town

Voted and accepted of Jacob Eddy Junr & Seth Boyant as Bondsmen to Ebenezer Eddy for the punctual performance of his duty as collector of S. Town

Voted & accepted of Earl Sears & Isaac Sampson as bondsmen to Ephraim Leach for his punctual performance as collector

Voted & accepted of Mr. Wm. Bourne & Hugh Montgomery as bondsmen to Silas Pichens & Doct. Joseph Clarke for the punctual performance of their duty as collectors of S. Town

Attest Silas P. Tilton Town Clerk

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1813 Annual March Meeting for 1812 by adjournment
March 1st The Annual March Meeting for 1812 being continued
by adjournment to March 1st 1813. was then taken up and the
following business Done viz Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee
Chosen by the Town to settle acc^t between the Town & their Treasurers
As follows (viz) —

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleboro
to settle acc^t between the Town & their Treasurers & reports a state of the
Finance of S. Town having attended that Service submit the following
Report (viz)

1st That there is Due on the Town Book to Hagar Ingraham \$ 1 50

To Calvin Pratt \$9. 74
To Samuel Pickens 15. . . .
To Seth Miller Jun^r 9. 50
To Emerson Daggett 82. 79
To Wilbur Woods 72. 19
To Thomas Bennett 2. 21
To Ebene^r Vaughan 92. . . .
To Dr. Joseph Clark 223. 15
To Solomon Eaton 435. 80
To sundry persons upon Settlements
under & under Certificates . . . 188. 25
To Experience Daggett for a disburse^{ment} } 90. 81
for S. and 729. 54

2^d That there is due to S. Town from the following persons (viz)

Balance in the Treas^r hands . . . \$46. 72
From Thomas Clark Collector for 1810 . . . 410. . . .
" Nathaniel Bump^s " " 1811 . . . 222. . . .
" Thomas Clark " " 1811 . . . 810. . . .
Caleb Briggs on note 6. 25
Nicholas Crofts on note 27. 84
Daniel Smith " " 135. . . .
Jacob Thompson for what S. and } 1666. 87
has been taken in Execution
Balance against the Town 70. 23

Nov. 2^d 1812

Wilbur Woods R^d order

Then By Vote Disolv^d S. Meeting
Attest Silvanus Tillson

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1813 Annual March Meeting for 1813

March 1st The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 1st
Day of March 1813 for the purpose of choosing all Town
Officers required by Law to be Chosen in the month of
March or April then proceeded and Chose by written
ballot the Moderator Clerk and Selectmen

Thomas Weston Esq. Chosen Moderator
Then by Vote made Chose of Silvanus Tillson JMW
for the year ensuing
They proceeded by ballot for the
Chose of Selectmen the ensuing year

Thomas Weston Esq.
Seth Miller Jun^r Esq.
Peter Hoar Esq.
Samuel Pickens Esq.
W^m Spake Reed. } Selectmen
of S. Town
the ensuing year

Treasurer

At a Meeting Voted to Chose the Treasurer by nomination
and Silvanus Tillson being Nominated was Chosen Treasurer
for the year ensuing

Constables

Dean Joshua Eddy, Ebenezer Eddy, Thomas Clark
Stephen Speake, Silas Pickens David Alden &
V. Levi Briggs Constables for the present year

Committee on Accounts

Wilbur Woods Esq. May^r John Purce &
Col. Abel Washburn & Sil^{as} Tillson
V. May^r William Bourne } Committee

1813 Annual March Meeting for 1813 brought over

March 1st A.D. meeting Voted to pass over choosing the remaining Part of Town Officers for the present and act on the 15th Article in the warrants.

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to appear at the Next Court of Sessions to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County on the third Tuesday of March Instant and there in behalf of the S. Town of Middleboro' to Oppose the Petition of Jacobiah Miller and Others Praying that the road may be separated upon Land left by the Proprietors of the Highways Purchas in S. Town and that a Highway lately laid out upon the Petition of Hopeshill Birbee and Others be discontinued as more fully described in S. Petition.

And by Vote made Choice of Hercules Cushman Esq. Agent for the aforesaid purpose.

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose an agent to appear at the Next Court of Sessions to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of March Instant and there in behalf of the S. Town of Middleboro' to Oppose the Petition of George Shacklett and Others praying that a Highway may be laid out in S. Town as Described in S. Petition.

And by Vote made Choice of Hercules Cushman Esq. Agent for the aforesaid purpose.

At S. Meeting Voted that the Selectmen be appointed a Committee to render to the Board prayed for by Squire George Shacklett & Others to be laid out as a public Highway and to give their Agents such instructions respecting the prayer of S. Petition as they shall think proper.

1813 Annual March Meeting for 1813 Continued

March 1st Inspectors of the Common Fishery at the several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing Season — and by Vote made Choice of the following Persons (1813)
Calvin Pratt Esq. Inspectors at Pratt's Dam —
Isaac Pratt —

John Warden — } Warrens Bridge
Edward Thomas — }

Capt. Abel Thomas — } at the Milling mill.
Joseph Birbee — }

Levi Briggs — } at the Old Stone water —
Gotham Wood — }

Major Levi Pierce — } at the new water —
Samuel Seconatch — }

Hopeshill Birbee — } at the mouth of the river & Jacksons
Nathl. Southworth — } Canal —

Abiel Booth — } at a Swamp pond Brook —
Abner Clary — }

Then by Vote Adjourned said Meeting to the forthmorrowing in April next at 12 O'clock at noon.

Attest Silo. Tilton Secy.

1813 Jurymen for April Court & the Year

April 1st Voted a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town Meeting legally assembled on Monday the 5th Day of April 1813. And then and there appointed

By drawing out of the box as the S. Town directs —
Dean Benjamin Shepard & Cyrus Keeth to serve as Grand Jurors for S. Court and each Session through the year — and also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the S. Town directs —
Reuel Thompson & Joseph Sparrow to serve as Petit Jurors to S. at the Court Court next to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of April Instant.

Attest Silo. Tilton Secy.

Annual March Meeting for 1813 by Adjourn.

April 5th The Annual March meeting for 1813 being continued by Adjournment to Monday the 5th Day of April 1813 was then taken up agreeable to Adjournment and the following business done. Voted
Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator.

Surveyors of Highways for 1813-

Nathaniel Allen Esq. Capt. Gaius Shaw, Ebenezer Cobb.
Capt. Nelson Woods Jonathan Haskins, Greenleaf Pratt.
John Shaw. George Leonard Esq. Silas Pickens.
Benjamin Washburn Junr. Joshua Eddy Junr. Abel Nelson
Seth Southworth, Samuel Briggs, Francis Thos Esq.
Abraham T. Clark Stephen Tillson Levi Bryant.
Noah Ashley, Levi Sedgwick, Capt. William Porter
Nathaniel Tinkham Samuel Sampson, Hugh Montgomery
Simon Backus Malbone Briggs Capt. Joseph Cushman
Capt. Abner Barrows, Abner Clark, Capt. Thomas Covington
Calvin Tillson, Caleb Mayham Junr., Nathaniel Bump
John Cushman, Andrew Tucker, Barzillai Eaton
Abiathur Briggs, Peter Vaughan, Melzar Tribou
Amos Washburn Majr. Thomas Bennett

School Agents

James Sauls Esq. N ^o 1	Jonathan Cobb Esq. N ^o 10	Abel Nelson Esq. N ^o 25
Benjamin Eddy Esq. N ^o 2	Seth Miller Esq. N ^o 14	Hugh Montgomery Esq. N ^o 26
Alfred Woods Esq. N ^o 3	Abraham Thomas Esq. N ^o 15	Abner Clark Esq. N ^o 27
Col. Abiel Washburn Esq. N ^o 4	Hopstall Bixbee Esq. N ^o 16	Abiathur Briggs Esq. N ^o 28
Daniel Tucker Esq. N ^o 5	Job Shearman Esq. N ^o 17	Samuel Howard Esq. N ^o 29
Reuel Thompson Esq. N ^o 6	Willis Wood Esq. N ^o 18	Oliver Pierce Esq. N ^o 30
James Cobb Esq. N ^o 7	John Warren Esq. N ^o 19	Gershom Foster Esq. N ^o 31
Seth Thomas Esq. N ^o 8	Ervin Muddock Esq. N ^o 20	Warren Clark Esq. N ^o 32
John Bent Esq. N ^o 9	Paul Hathaway Esq. N ^o 21	Abner Leonard Esq. N ^o 34
John Benson Esq. N ^o 10	Samuel Miller Esq. N ^o 22	
Capt. Eli Wood Esq. N ^o 11	Israel Richmond Esq. N ^o 23	
Capt. Gaius Shaw Esq. N ^o 12	Hiram Nelson Esq. N ^o 24	

Town Viewers and Field Drivers for 1813-

Jacob Thompson Levi Briggs Jonathan Phiney.
Samuel Reed Samuel Miller Daniel Smith Junr.
Hosie Thomas Junr. Obadiah Sampson Levi Muddock
Seth Washburn Abel Booth John Cushman
Nathaniel Barrows

1813 Annual March Meeting Continued

April 5th

Surveyors of Land

Levi Tinkham William Thompson Esq. Abiathur Briggs
Isaac Rider Esq. Leenas Wood James Sprout Calvin Pratt Esq.
Francis Thos.

Bythingmen

Calvin Tillson Esq. Elyah Eaton Abel Booth Paul Hathaway
Seth Washburn Martin Knott Esq. Andrew Haskins
Warren Clark.

Hoggoners

Guilford Booth Nathaniel Andrews Samuel Reed, Tho. Covington
Job Allen Junr. Levi Thomas Jacob Bennett Esq. Micah Leonard Junr.
Silas Pickens Nathl. Tinkham David Caswell Junr. Levi Thomas
Stephen Cornish Esq. Joshua Eddy Nathl. Eaton
Stephenas Richmond.

Horse-reivers

David Caswell Junr. Obadiah Sampson Amos Raymond
William Conroy.

At S. Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable Polls & Estates of
the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' the Sum of three
\$3000. Thousand Dollars for the express purpose of amending the
and repairing the highways and bridges in & about the present year
and to be expended in the same manner as was the last year.
That is to allow 10^{cts} per hour for a man and for a yoke of oxen
10^{cts} per hour for all the Labor Done on S. highways before the
first day of July next and for all the Labor on S. Highways
after the 5th of July next Seven cents per hour per man
and 7^{cts} for a yoke of oxen and for a horse Cart and plough to lift
to the Direction of the Overseers to give the price as they shall
think proper.

Committee to Settle with the Treas.

At S. Meeting Voted and Chose a Committee to Settle accounts
belong to the Town and their Treasurers and report to the Town the
State of the Treasury and by Vote made choice of
Willis Wood Esq. John Tinkham Esq. & Thomas Weston Esq.
the Committee.

At S. Meeting Voted to add one Inspector at the Stilling mill
and by Vote made choice of Daniel Norton Inspector. Voted and issued
Cath. Capt. Pratt for Inspecting at Pratt's Dam and made choice
of Jonathan Shaw Inspector at the pond plan.

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1813 Governor & Senators

April 5th At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Senators held on the fifth day of April being the first Monday in March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirteen for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor & Senators of the Commonwealth & two Senators or Counsellors for the County of Plymouth the whole Number of Votes were given in Vesters Committed Record, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed & were for the following Persons viz

Then proceeded by balloting in general Ticket

Hon ^{ble} Joseph B. Varnum Esq ^r	419	for Governor
Hon ^{ble} Caleb Strong Esq ^r	261	
Hon ^{ble} William King Esq ^r	419	for So ^l Governor
Hon ^{ble} William Phillips Esq ^r	261	
Hon ^{ble} Nathan Willis Esq ^r	419	for Senators
Hon ^{ble} Seth Sprague Esq ^r	419	
Hon ^{ble} Nathan Maltchell Esq ^r	261	
William Wood Esq ^r	260	

Then a Meeting was Disposed
Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

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1813 Representatives to the General Court

May 12th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth being assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the 12th day of May 1813 for the choice of a Representative or Representatives to Represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant so during their Session or Sessions the ensuing year.

At a Meeting voted to choose one person to Represent the Town of Middleborough in the Legislature of this Commonwealth the ensuing year and no more.

Then proceeded to the choice of a Representative the whole Number of Votes given in were 458 Necessary to make a choice 230 votes and those were for

The Rev. Joseph Barker 245 Votes and was Chosen

Then by Vote Disposed of Meeting
Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1813 Annual March Meeting by adjournment

May 12th The annual March Meeting for 1813 being continued by adjournment to May 12th 1813 was then taken up and the following business done viz

Thomas Weston Esq^r Moderator

At a Meeting voted to allow and pay Silas Tilton their Treas^r for receiving in and paying out the Towns money of the year ending in March 1813 \$15.00

At a Meeting voted and accepted to be recorded the report of the Selectmen in laying out a highway on the request of Nathaniel Smith Esq^r and others

At a Meeting voted that the Selectmen be directed to grant permits to such poor persons as are unable to keep but one cow and no pasture for liberty to run on the highways & Commons the present year.

Then by Vote adjourned to next Town Meeting 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1813 Town Meeting held April 5th 1813 by adjournment

May 12th 3 Town Meeting held April 5th 1813 being continued by adjournment to May 12th 1813. was then taken up and the following business done (viz)

1st Voted to choose a Committee of five to report to the Town what bridges in S. Town shall be repaired by paying for the timber for the repair of S. bridges out of the Town Treasury. (and by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Col. Abel Washburn
Nathan Wood Esq.
Samuel Pichens Esq.
Mortimer Smith Esq.
Calvin Pratt Esq.

The Committee

2nd Voted to enlarge the Town House in S. Town for the purpose of rendering it more convenient for the inhabitants of S. Town.

Then Voted to choose a Committee of five to consult what enlargement alterations & repairs are necessary to be made on the Town House in S. Town and report thereon at the adjournment of this Meeting. (and by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Nathan Wood Esq.
Mr. James Hovey
Mr. Levi Pierce
Mr. Hugh Montgomery
Thomas Weston Esq.

The Committee

Then by vote adjourned S. meeting to the next Wednesday in June 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1813 Town Meeting held May 12th 1813 relative to removing the County Buildings &c

Samuel Pichens Esq. Moderator
Then Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the Fall meeting next at 12 O'clock at Noon Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1813 Town Meeting held April 5th 1813 Continued by adjournment June 30th 3

A Town meeting held April 5th 1813 being continued by adjournment to June the 30th 1813. was then taken up and the following business done (viz)

1st Voted to choose a Committee of five to report to the Town what enlargement alterations and repairs are necessary to be made on the Town House in S. Town and to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting together with a plan of the proposed alterations on S. House.

2nd Voted to choose a Committee of five to consult what bridges in S. Town shall be repaired by paying for the timber for the repair of S. bridges out of the Town Treasury. (and by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Col. Abel Washburn
Nathan Wood Esq.
Samuel Pichens Esq.
Mortimer Smith Esq.
Calvin Pratt Esq.

The Committee

1813 Annual March Meeting for 1813 by adjournment June 30th

The annual March meeting being continued by adjournment to the 30th day of June 1813 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done (viz)

1st Voted to choose a Committee of five to consult what enlargement alterations & repairs are necessary to be made on the Town House in S. Town and report thereon at the adjournment of this Meeting. (and by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Nathan Wood Esq.
Mr. James Hovey
Mr. Levi Pierce
Mr. Hugh Montgomery
Thomas Weston Esq.

The Committee

1813 Annual March Meeting for 1813 by adjournment Sept. 30th 1813

The Annual March Meeting being continued by adjournment to June the 20th 1813 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done (viz)

1st Voted to choose a Committee of five to consult what enlargement alterations & repairs are necessary to be made on the Town House in S. Town and report thereon at the adjournment of this Meeting. (and by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Nathan Wood Esq.
Mr. James Hovey
Mr. Levi Pierce
Mr. Hugh Montgomery
Thomas Weston Esq.

The Committee

1813 Annual March Meeting for 1813 by adjournment Sept. 30th 1813

The Annual March Meeting being continued by adjournment to June the 20th 1813 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done (viz)

Nathan Wood Esq.
Mr. James Hovey
Mr. Levi Pierce
Mr. Hugh Montgomery
Thomas Weston Esq.

The Committee

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1813 Annual Fall Meeting for 1813

Sept. 20th A Legal Meeting of the Venerable inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town Meeting assembled on Monday September 20th 1813. and the following business done (viz)

1st Seth Miller Junr Esq. Moderator of the meeting
At a S. Meeting Voted to sell at public Auction to the highest Bidder the privilege of taking the Alewife fish at the several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing season for taking S. fish as usual and that the purchasers of S. privilege be the Inspectors of S. fish without any expense to S. Town. & to raise the fine which had been Voted to postpone the selling of S. privileges to the adjournment of this meeting

At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to see that the Alewife fish have a sufficient passage way up the streams and Dams through which S. fish have to pass the ensuing year and to Remove all Obstructions to effect the same

And by Vote made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

Capt. Nathl. Wilder Junr. St. Chabod Wood } the
William Thompson Esq. Mr. Simon Backus } Committee
& Capt. Abner Barrows Junr.

At S. Meeting Voted and made choice of a Committee to Report to the Overseers of the poor what poor persons in their respective Towns are entitled to receive Alewife Grates from S. Town agreeable to a Grant of this Commonwealth
And by Vote made choice of the following Gentlemen (viz)

William Thompson Esq. St. Jeremiah Weston } the
Nathl. Wood Esq. Mr. Hugh Montgomery } Committee
David Thomas Esq. Mr. Elijah Shaw }
& Mr. Ephraim Seach Esq. Galen Briggs Esq. }
Abner Briggs

At S. Meeting Voted to sell at public Auction to the highest Bidder the Support and Maintenance of all the paupers belonging to the Town of Middleborough for the term of one year commencing on the Second Monday of April Next on the same Conditions they were the last year. Voted to postpone the selling the Support of the poor until the adjournment of this meeting.

Thereby Voted adjourn this meeting to Sunday the 5th Day of October next at 10 o'clock P.M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

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1813 Town Meeting April 5th 1813 by adjournment

Sept. 20th A Town Meeting held April 5th 1813. being continued from the adjournment to Monday the 20th Day of Sept. 1813 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done

1st Seth Miller Junr Esq. Moderator of the meeting
At S. Meeting Voted and authorized of the report of the Committee appointed by the Town to take under consideration what Bridges in S. Town shall be repaired at the expense of Said Town which report is as follows (viz)

" The Committee appointed by vote of the Town of Middleboro' May 27th 1813. to report what bridges in S. Town shall be repaired by paying for the timber out of the Town Treasury have attended that Service & report as follows (viz)

" That all timber necessary to cover & rail where railing is necessary the following bridges be paid for out of the Town Treasury

" (viz) All the Bridges over Namasket River and the paths of Bridges Belonging to this Town over the Great River

" The Bridge over black brook below the Saw mill near the Dwelling House of Martin Smith Junr. at double brook Saw mill

" Middleboro' part of the Bridges at Freshmeadowe Forge

" Bridges over Fall brook, over Appawamset Brook

" Bridge near Malbone Bridge over Millers neck Brook on the Cushman road (or called)

" Your Committee also suggest the propriety of paying for Stone necessary to cover all such bridges in S. Town as may be hereafter well built with Stone by the Surveyors of the Town

" and approved by the Selectmen all which is Submitted

September 20th 1813. Attest Nathl. Wood P. Order

1813 Jurymen for the Supreme Court 1813

Oct. 5th A Legal Meeting of the Venerable inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' Oct. 5th 1813. Did then and there appoint by Drawing out of the box as the S. writs James B. Sprague and Isaac Thompson Esq. to serve as Grand Jurors at the Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth. and also were appointed by Drawing out of the box as the S. writs Nathl. Oddy and William Thibodeau to serve as Jurors at S. Court to be holden at Plym. on the Second Monday of Oct. instant Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1813 Town Meeting held April 5th and continued by adjournment

Sept 28 A Town meeting held April 5th 1813 and continued by adjournment to Sept 28th brought over

At a S. Meeting voted & accepted of the report of a Committee Appointed by the Town of Middleboro to take under consideration what Enlargement alterations & repairs are necessary to be made on the Town House in S. Town

At a S. Meeting voted that the Enlargement alterations and repairs to be made on the Town House in S. Town be sold at Public Auction to the lowest bidder at the adjournment of this Meeting under the direction of a Committee to be chosen to draw a precise plan of the enlargement alteration & repairs to be made on S. House the Superintendent and direct in what manner said Building shall be finished

And by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen

Wm Wood Esqr
Mr James Spores
Majr Wm Bourne } Committee

At a S. Meeting voted that the Bulky Windows and the lock of the door be immediately repaired

Then by Vote adjourned S. meeting to next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Sils. Johnson Town Clerk

1813 Jurymen for November Court 1813

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, Nov 8th 1813

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs Isaac Sampson & Elias White to serve as Petit Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the third Monday of Nov. Instant

Attest Sils. Johnson Town Clerk

1813 Fall Meeting for 1813 by adjournment

Oct 5th The Fall Meeting for 1813 being continued by adjournment to October 5th was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done viz

At a S. Meeting voted & accepted of the report of a Committee

Appointed by the Town of Middleboro to take under consideration what Enlargement alterations & repairs are necessary to be made on the Town House in S. Town

At a S. Meeting voted that the Enlargement alterations and repairs to be made on the Town House in S. Town be sold at Public Auction to the lowest bidder at the adjournment of this Meeting under the direction of a Committee to be chosen to draw a precise plan of the enlargement alteration & repairs to be made on S. House the Superintendent and direct in what manner said Building shall be finished

And by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen

Wm Wood Esqr
Mr James Spores
Majr Wm Bourne } Committee

At a S. Meeting voted that the Bulky Windows and the lock of the door be immediately repaired

Then by Vote adjourned S. meeting to next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Sils. Johnson Town Clerk

At a S. Meeting voted and accepted of Samuel Briggs and Barnabas Clark as bondsmen to the said Canby for the faithful & punctual performance of S. Canby in the support & maintenance of S. poor

At a S. Meeting voted to raise on the rateable polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro the sum of three thousand Dollars to defray the necessary charges arising in S. Town the present year rateable polls and Estates to be taken in from the first day of May next

The Appointment to be made and Bills committed to the several Collectors under the same directions it was the last year

Then proceeded to the sale of the privilege of taking the shewee fish at the several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing year

And by Vote made Choice of Wm Thompson & Andrew Martin to dispose of S. privilege

At a S. Meeting voted to sell to Israel Thomas for \$85.00 Old Stone ware sold to Israel Thomas for 81

Spawampset Brook sold to Barnabas Clark for 14.25

At a S. Meeting voted and accepted of Wm Canby & Peter Hoar Esquires as Bondsmen to Barnabas Clark &c

Then by Vote adjourned said meeting to the second Monday of Nov 1 O'clock P. M. Attest Sils. Johnson Town Clerk

1813 Fall Meeting for 1813 brought Over

Adjourned. The Fall meeting being continued by adjournment to Nov. 8th 1813 was then taken up and the following business done (viz)

1. Seth Miller Jun^r Esq^r moderator.
At S. Meeting Voted & accepted of Joseph B. Burry and Capt. Abel Thomas as bondsmen to Grace Thomas — Purchaser of the privilege of taking the tide water fish at the Siting mill and Old Stone ware in the sum of \$166.00

At S. Meeting Voted to choose an agent or agents to appear at the next Court of Sessions to be holden at Plymouth within (and for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of March Next in behalf of the Town of Middleboro' to oppose the laying out and establishing a public highway on the petition of M^r. Frederick Miller & others as set forth in their petition And by vote made choice of the following persons (viz)

May^r. Isaac Pierce } Agents for the
& Silas Tilton } above purpose

At S. Meeting Voted that the Agents chosen by S. Town be directed to oppose the laying out and establishing a Public highway on the petition of S^t. George Hunkley and others as set forth in their petition also Voted and directed said agents to petition the Honourable Court of Sessions to Discontinue a road laid out in front of the Town House in S. Town thence to extend Southwesterly to Nemasket river across S. River and thence in the same direction as Committed by the House of Jst. Watkinson until it unites a public highway to the Courtward of Milgar Trickett 12 in favour & 4 against the discontinuance and by vote directed said Agents to employ what Counsel they shall think necessary in opposing the Establishment of S. roads

There by Voted Adjourned S. Meeting to Next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1813 Town Meeting held October 5th 1813

Oct. 5th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' October 5th 1813 for the following purposes (viz)

1. Seth Miller Jun^r Esq^r moderator.
At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of five to assist the Selectmen in Regulating the Jury box.

Col. Thiel Washburn

May^r. Isaac Pierce

Mr. Hugh Montgomery

Mr. Ellis Howard

Mr. Joseph Leonard

The Committee

Voted this meeting stand adjourned for one Week Said Meeting being taken up agreeable to the adjournment And Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen and Committee appointed by S. Town with respect to Regulating the Jury box &c.

There by Voted Dispensed S. meeting

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1813 Town Meeting held April 5th 1813 continued by adjournment

Oct. 5th A Town Meeting held April 5th 1813 and continued by adjournment to October 5th 1813 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done (viz)

1. Seth Miller Jun^r Esq^r moderator.
At S. Meeting Voted that after the enlargement alterations & repairs are made & completed on the Town House then to have S. House painted under the direction of the Committee chosen by the Town to superintend the Building of S. House

At S. Meeting Voted and excused James Sprout from serving as one of the building Committee and by vote made choice of Samuel Pierce in his room

2. Voted and accepted of Peter Howard Esq^r & May^r. Isaac Pierce as Bondsmen for James Sprout for the faithful and Punctual performance in the enlargement alterations and Repairs of the Town House &c.

There by Voted Dispensed S. Meeting

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

The Committee appointed by Vote of the Town of Middleboro April 5th 1813. to settle accounts between S. Town and their Treasurer & to report a State of the Treasury have attended that Service & submit the following reports (viz)

1st We find upon examination of documents in the Treasurers hands that by deducting the amounts of Payments made by him from the amounts of receipts into the Treasury since the last Settlement there remains for which he is accountable the Sum of two hundred Ninety three Dollars & forty five cents. which balance after closing S. Treasurers accounts we have charged to his new accounts (viz)

Balance in Treasurers hands	293	45
The following balances due from Collectors we have charged to S. Treas. new accounts (viz)		
From Thomas Clark for year 1810	\$441	29
Do Do " " 1811	27	59
Do Do " " 1812	156	56
Joshua Eddy for year 1812	295	07
Eben ^r Eddy " "	309	73
Silas Pickens " "	124	16
Ephraim Seacocks " "	117	74
	1472	24

Also the following sums due on Notes

From Daniel Smiths balance	\$12	88
Solomon Hall exclusive of Int ^r	30	
Seths Hall " "	30	
Jacob Thompsons balance	25	53
Nicholas Corapss balance	3	68
Federick Muller exclusive of Int ^r	29	

and we find balance due from May^r W^m Bennett in the Sum of \$131 43
Sum total of money & Securities now in Treas. Hands \$1897 12

Amount in Treasurers hands brought up \$1897 12
we find balances due to sundry persons as following (viz)

To John Warren	3	00
To Isaac Shaw	20	67
To William Shaw	26	67
To Stephen Tilton	39	33
To Samuel Pickens Esq ^r	26	
To Calvin Pratt Esq ^r	9	74
To Humeas Daggett	32	25
To Eben ^r Vaughan	92	
To Do ^r Joseph Clarks up to 1813	290	26
To Solomon Eatons " "	133	88
To Do ^r Clarks & Solomons Eatons up to April 1814	3118	00
	1743	98

Sept^r 18th 1813

Walter Wood Esq^r Order \$153 14

The above reports accepted in Legal Town meeting September 28th 1813. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

The Committee appointed by the Town of Middleboro to report what enlargement alteration & repairs are necessary to the Town House having attended that Service Submit the following reports (viz)

That the Belfry windows & lock of the Door be immediately repaired and in order that the Belfry be made tight the feet of the posts thereof be well overlaid with Sheet Lead
That there be built & added on to the Southern end of said House a new piece of 22^{ft} feet of such height & dimensions and with such a roof as shall regularly match with the Present Building. The new part to have one door & the windows of a size and dimensions like those of the old part & to be underpinned in the same manner as the old part. The inside to be plastered finished & so on according to a plan herewith Exhibited. The outside & floors to be completed by the first day of March next and the residue by the first day of April next excepting plastering which shall be finished by the first day of June next.

Septem^r 20th 1813

Walter Wood Esq^r Order

The above accepted by the Town in Legal Town meeting October 5th 1813. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

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1814 Annual March Meeting for 1814

March 7th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town meeting on Monday the 7th day of March 1814 for the purpose of choosing all Town Officers required by Law to be chosen in the Month of March or April. then proceeded by ballot and made choice of the following persons — (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. Chosen Moderator

Then by Vote made choice of Silas Tilton, Town Clerk for the year ensuing. Then proceeded by ballot for the choice of Selectmen for the ensuing year

Thomas Weston Esq. and then adjourned to meet at the adjournment
Mr. William Nelson
Peter Hoar Esq. Selectmen for 1814
Samuel Pickens Esq.
Mr. Seth Eaton Junr.

The Annual March meeting being continued by adjournment to Monday the 14th day of March 1814 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done viz Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At 10 o'clock Meeting proceeded and voted by ballot and made choice of the following Gentlemen & Persons for the year ensuing — (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq.
Mr. William Nelson
Peter Hoar Esq.
Samuel Pickens Esq.
Mr. Seth Eaton Junr. Assessors

Treasurer
At 10 o'clock Meeting voted to choose the Treasurer by nomination of Silvanus Tilton being nominated was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year

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1814 Annual March Meeting for 1814 by adjournment
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At 10 o'clock Meeting voted and made choice of the following Gentlemen a Committee to receive examine and allow accounts against the Town — (viz)

Wilkes Wood Esq.
Col. Abel Washburn
Maj. Levi Pierce
Maj. Wm. Bourne
Silvanus Tilton } Committee

Inspectors of the Marine Fish
Joseph Bump, Capt. Abel Thomas, James Bump
Levi Briggs, Silvanus Warner, Ebenezer Wilder

Daniel Smith, Joseph Bisbee, John Wood
Calcutt Tinkham for the old Stone ware & Shaving mill
and down the river as far as they think necessary
John Clark Inspector at the New works

Barnabas Clark at Appawamset Brook
The inspectors not to receive pay from the Town for their services but the fines which they collect for any breaches of Law

Surveyors of Highways

Earl Allen, Nathaniel Hall, Manaphus Robbins
Capt. Nelson Wood, Ruel Thompson, Lt. Paul Hathaway
Solomon Eaton, George Leonard, Elijah Macomber
Silas Hathaway, Wm. Eddy, Abel Nelson
Harry Jackson, Samuel Bates, James Smith Junr, Andrew Cobb
Judith Howland, David Shurtleff, Levi Tinkham
Henry Bishop, William Soule, Warren Clark
Stephen Bennett, Silas Shaw, Edwards, Thomas Wm. Moberge
Abel Perkins, Ethan Pierce, Capt. Joseph Cushman
Capt. Abel Thomas, Abner Clark, Nathaniel Thompson
Capt. Samuel Reid, Joseph Mapham, Nathaniel Bump
Henry C. Thomas, Andrew Tucker, Jacob Allen, Elijah Shaw
Abel Breeze, Peter Vaughan, Saml Wood, Gershom Foster
Then by Vote adjourned to Meeting to the first Monday in April next at 11 o'clock P.M. At 10 o'clock Silvanus Tilton Town Clerk

1844 Annual March Meeting for 1844 by adjournment

April 1st The Annual March Meeting being continued by adjournment to on Monday the 1st day of April 1844 was taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business

Done viz) Seth Miller junr. ex. moderator Parker

At a Meeting Voted to choose two Inspectors of the Marine Fishery in addition to those already chosen but not to be of any expense to the Town and by vote made choice of Benjamin Warren & Daniel Snow to the Duty.

At a Meeting Voted and expensed Shepard Bennett from serving Surveyor of highways and by vote made choice of Calvin Reading Surveyor of highways the present year. Voted and expensed Abel Perkins from serving Surveyor of highways and made choice of Andrew Allen Surveyor of highways the ensuing year.

At a Meeting Voted to choose a Surveyor of highways in the District where Capt. Abel Thomas is chosen Surveyor and by vote made choice of Thomas Clark Surveyor of Highways the ensuing year.

Pence Viewers & Field Drivers

Stephen Harlow, Barnabas Eaton, Joseph Dunham, George Carwell, Joseph Leonard Henry Thomas, Carl Allen, Obadiah Sampson, Benjamin Pierce, Luther Washburn, Abel Booth, Ellis Harlow, Elisha Clark junr, Capt. Joseph Cushman, Silas Pierce, Mich. Leonard Jr.

Surveyors of Lumber

Levi Finkham, William Thompson ex. Wm. Caneog, Jr., Martin Keith ex. Capt. Jonas Wood, James Sprague, Calvin Baltham, Francis Allwood

Tything men

John Allen, Isaac Pratt, Abel Booth, Paul Hathaway, Luther Washburn, George Haskell, Enoch Perkins, Nicholas Wood

1844 Annual March Meeting for 1844 brought up

Done viz) Guilford Booth, Nathaniel Andrews, Samuel Rice, Daniel Darling, Job Thompson, Levi Thomas, Caleb Finkham, Obadiah King, Silas Perkins, Spencer Thomas, David Cassell junr, Jonas Thomas, Stephen Cornish, Joshua Eddy junr, Jacob Rice, Thomas Washburn &c.

House reeves

George Carwell, Obadiah Sampson, Saml. Shaw, John Edmister

Pound keeper

At a Meeting Voted and made choice of Mayr. William Bourne to keep the Towns pound the present year.

School Agents for 1844

Thomas Soule 1.	Lebanah Cobb 13	Abiel Nelson 25
Capt. Saml. Rider 2	Seth Miller junr 14	Wm. Sheldridge 26
Rev. Joseph Barker 3	Abraham Thomas 15	Abner Clark 27
Co. S. Abel Washburn 4	Hephthai Birba 16	Leeson Briggs 28
Dr. Solomon Thompson 5	Job Shearman 17	Nash Ashley 29
Capt. Aaron Wood 6	Capt. Abner Barnard 18	Oliver Pierce 30
Joseph Sampson 7	John Warren 19	Gershom Foster 31
Ellis Harlow 8	Seth Eaton junr 20	Eads. Sharnock 32
Oliver Shaw 9	Paul Hathaway 21	Abner Leonard 33
John Benson 10	Benj. Richardson 22	
Capt. Nelson Thomas 11	Martin White 23	
Isaac Perkins 12	Hiram Nelson 24	

At a Meeting Voted to raise on the taxable Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury the sum of three thousand Dollars for the purpose of improving the highways in said Town the present year and to allow the same at the same rate as the last year.

Committee to settle with the Indians

By vote made choice of the following Gentlemen to settle accounts between the Town and the Indians viz) William Wood, Jr., John Finkham, Jr., Hugh Montgomery, The Treasury

1814. Annual March Meeting for 1814 brought Over

April 4th At a meeting voted to allow and pay their Treasurer for receiving in and paying out the Town Money for the year ending in March 1814 the sum of 20.00 of Twenty Dollars & no more Book kept 2 1815 \$20-00 +

At a meeting voted that Justice shall not run at Sarge on the Highways the ensuing year
At a meeting voted that most Cattle shall not run at Sarge on the Highways & Commons the ensuing year

Then proceeded to give in their votes for a Treasurer for the County of Plymouth

Joseph Cotton Esq. of Plymouth 150
Nathan Sampson of D. 14
Isaac Stevens of Middleboro 1

Then by vote adjourned to meet at May meeting next to be held in D. at 12 O'clock at noon

Attest J. W. Willson Town Clerk

1814 Jurymen for April Court &c Year

April 11th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro in Town meeting assembled on Monday the 11th day of April 1814 did then & there appoint by Drawing out of the box as the S and Direct

John Dennis Esq. & Maj. Thomas Bennett to serve as Grand Jurors for S. Court & each Superior in the Circuit Court through the year also via appoint by Drawing out of the box as the S and Direct Capt. William Thompson & Saml. Bates to serve as Petit Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of April instant

Attest J. W. Willson Town Clerk

1814 GOVERNOR Select. Governor & Senators

April 11th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth & Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Select. Governor & Senators holden on the 11th day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Select. Governor & two Senators or Councillors for the County of Plymouth in which were given in as followeth viz

Hon. Samuel Dexter Esq.	465	for Governor
Hon. Caleb Strong Esq.	260	
Hon. William Gray Esq.	464	for S. Governor
Hon. William Phillips Esq.	260	
Hon. Seth Sprague Esq.	463	for Senators
Thomas Weston Esq.	456	
Hon. Nahum Mitchell Esq.	260	
Hon. Wilkes Wood Esq.	257	
Hon. William Davis Esq.	1	
Then S. Meeting was Dissolved		Attest J. W. Willson Town Clerk

1814 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

April 11th The Selectmen Town Clerk & other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being assembled in the Selectmen's room did then & there appoint by Drawing out of the Box as the S and Direct

Maj. William Barne & Seth Miller Jun. Esq. to serve as Justice Jurors at the adjournment of the Supreme Court to be holden at Plymouth on the first Tuesday in May next

Attest J. W. Willson Town Clerk

1814 Representatives to the General Court

May 13th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth being assembled in Town Meeting on Friday the 13th day of May 1814 for the choice of a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be commenced and held at the State House in Boston on the 2nd Wednesday of May Instant and during their Session or Sessions the ensuing year —

The Town at S. Meeting voted to choose one person to represent them in the General Court the ensuing year and no more —

Then proceeded to the choice of a Representative and the whole number of votes were 394. Necessary to make a choice 198 votes and there were for —

Thomas Weston Esq. 228 votes & was chosen

Then by vote Disposed said meeting
 Nathl Silsbee Town Clerk

1814 Jurymen for August Court. 1814

July 29th At a meeting of the Selectmen Town Clerk and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' assembled at the Store lately occupied by Washburn Bowme & Co. Did then & there appoint by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs Capt. Joshua Shaw & Calvin Pratt Esq. to serve as Jurors at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of August next

Silsbee Town Clerk

1814 Annual March Meeting for 1814 by adjournment

May 13th The Annual March Meeting for 1814 being continued by adjournment to Friday the 13th day of May 1814 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At S. Meeting voted to sell at public auction to the lowest bidder the Collection of the public money which is to be applied on the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' the present year — Then by vote postpone the rendering the Collection of the public money until the fall meeting — At S. Meeting voted to choose a

Committee of three to inquire into the Circumstances of Mr. Seth Shells relative to his petitioning the Town to be discharged from a demand which the Town has against him for the supports of his aged mother and report to the Town their opinion at the adjournment of this meeting

Seth Miller Esq. The Committee
 Wilkes Wood Esq.

At S. Meeting voted and was chosen of Abiel Nelson, Agents to dispose of the privilege of taking the Allowance fish at Quaker Brook the present year agreeable to Law —

At S. Meeting voted to raise on each ratable Poll in the Town in addition to the money already raised for the use of the public Schools in S. Town fifty cents — \$0.50
 Voted that the agent in each School District be directed to expend fifty cents raised on each ratable poll in his district for the use of a Summer School

At S. Meeting voted and agreed Jeremiah Weston from serving as School agent And by vote made choice of Capt. Elias Sampson agent for District N. 31
 Voted this meeting stand adjourned to next Town meeting 3 O'clock P.M.

Nathl Silsbee Town Clerk

1844 Annual March Meeting for 1844 by adjournment

Sept. 26th The Annual March Meeting for 1844 being continued By adjournment to Sept. 26th 1844 was the taking up of the following business done viz

1st Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting Voted & accepted of the reports of the Selectmen in saying out & allowing & straightening a public Highway on the petition of Ezra Thomas & others and that the same be recorded. Also Voted that the time be lengthened to June next for the Owners of the Lane on which said road is located to take off their woods.

At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the reports of a Committee appointed by the Town to enquire into the circumstances of Mr. Seth Hall — which is as follows viz

2nd The Committee appointed by a vote of the Town May 13th 1844 upon the petition of Seth Hall. Having considered the pecuniary circumstances of Mr. Hall and the infirmities under which he and his wife labour. And also the length of time he has borne the Burden of one half of the supports of his aged Mother. Do report it is the opinion of your Committee that it is not expedient to call for payment of the Note which the Town holds against said Hall at present and in case the Town shall not be put to any expense in future of his said Mother that the said Note ought never to be collected of him.

Seth Miller Jun^r P. R. Clerk
Then by Vote adjourns said Meeting to the next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silvanus Johnson Town Clerk

18th. Jurymen for the Supreme Court

Sept 26th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^{gh} assembled in Town Meeting Sept. 26th 1844 Did then & there appear by authority of the box as the Law directs Capt. Amos B. Brown & Capt. George Shackell to serve as Grand Jurors & also did appear as the Law directs Simon Backus & William Thomson Esq. to serve as Jurors sworn at the Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second Sunday of October next.

Attest Silvanus Johnson Town Clerk

Fall Meeting for 1844

Sept. 26th At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^{gh} in Town Meeting assembled Sept. 26th 1844 and the following business done viz

1st Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting Voted that the Soldiers Detached from the Town of Middleboro^{gh} for the defence of New Bedford and Fair Haven be allowed in addition to what they are allowed by the Government of this Commonwealth a Sum of \$18.00 that shall shall be equal to eighteen Dollars P. month.

2nd At a Meeting Voted to raise on the Sabbath poll & Estate of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^{gh} the Sum of Ten thousand dollars to defray the necessary charges in said Town the coming year.

Voted to reconsider the Vote wherein the Town Voted to raise the above sum of ten thousand Dollars to defray the charges in said Town. And then Voted Acting on the Second Article in the Warrant to same purpose.

At a Meeting Voted to Sell at public auction to the highest bidder the privilege of taking the Atlantic fish at the several fishing places in said Town on the same conditions as they are usually sold by said Town. And that the purchasers of said privilege be the instructors of said fish without any expense to said Town and to have all the fines which they do receive for any breach of said condition that case.

At a Meeting to Choose a Committee to see that the Atlantic fish have a sufficient passage way up the Stream & Dams through which said fish have to pass the coming season And to remove all obstructions to effect the same. And by Vote made Choice of following Gentlemen viz

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| William Thompson Esq. | J. B. D. Dan |
| Joseph Smith Esq. | |
| Edward Thomas | Wm. W. Briggs |
| Joseph Bump | |
| Capt. Amos B. Brown | Ed Stone |
| Levi Thomas | |
| Capt. Seth Wilbur Jun ^r | Wm. W. Briggs |
| John Briggs | |
| Seth P. Perkins | Wm. W. Briggs |
| Wm. Thompson Esq. | |

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1814 Fall Meeting for 1814 brought over

Sept. 26th At a Meeting voted and made choice of a Committee to report to the Overseers of the poor what poor persons in their respective Districts are entitled to Receive alms or Grates from the Town agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth.

William Thompson Esq. Dr. Lechariah Weston
Walter Wood Esq. Mr. Hugh Montgomery
Rev. Thomas Stewart Mr. Elijah Shaw
Mr. Ephraim Speach Calvin Pratt Esq.
* Mr. Abiathur Briggs the Committee

At a Meeting voted and set off Eleazer Perry from School District N^o 13. and annex him to School District N^o 32

Voted at a Meeting to choose an agent in behalf of S^t Town to defend a Suit brought against S^t Town by Benjamin Thomas and by vote made choice of Walter Wood Esq. Agent. Then recommended S^t Town while Judge Eddy was on the subject make a few observations.

Then voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury to Benjamin Thomas four Dollars as damages by him sustained in breaking his wheel by his withdrawing his action against the Town.

At a Meeting voted and set off Sutherland Macomber from School District N^o 24. and annex him to School District N^o 22 in S^t Town.

Voted at a Meeting to sell at public auction to the lowest bidder the support and maintenance of all the paupers belonging to said Town or for which said Town are liable for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next on the same conditions they were the last year.

Then by vote adjourned a meeting to the first Monday of November next at 12 O'clock at Noon.

Attest Silas Johnson Town Clerk

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1814 Fall Meeting for 1814 by adjournment

Nov. 7th The Annual Fall Meeting for 1814 being continued by adjournment to November 7th 1814. was then taken up and the following business done viz

Seth Miller Jun^r was moderator

At a Meeting voted to raise on the rateable poll and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the Sum of Six thousand Dollars to defray the necessary charges arising in S^t Town the present year Rateable poll and Estates to be taken from the first day of May last past. The Assessment to be made and bills committed to the Collector under the same direction they were last year.

Then proceeded to the sale of the privilege of taking the exclusive fish the ensuing Season.

And by vote made choice of Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Vendue Master to Dispose of a privilege.

Fishing mill privilege sold to May. Seave Pierce for the Sum of \$1100.00

Old Stone ware sold to John Barden for the Sum of \$81.00

Ypsawampsett brook sold to Capt. Abner Barnum for the Sum of 12.00

Voted and accepted of May. Wm Bourne & Seave Briggs as bondsmen to May. Pierce.

Voted and accepted of May. Wm Bourne & May. Seave Pierce as bondsmen to John Barden Jun^r.

Voted & accepted of Peter Hawley & Capt. Seth Barnum as bondsmen to Capt. Abner Barnum.

Then proceeded to the sale of the Support of the Poor of S^t Town for the term of one year.

Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Vendue Master.

And Samuel Harlow being the lowest bidder the said Vendue Master declared the Support of all the poor belonging to the Town of Middleborough for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next.

And ending on the second Monday of April 1816. To be paid to him the said Samuel Harlow for the

Sum of Eleven thousand Dollars \$11000.00

Adjourned to next Town Meeting 8 O'clock P.M.
Attest Silas Johnson Town Clerk

1814. Fall Meeting for 1814 brought over
Nov. 7th At S. Meeting Voted that the Town assume
upon itself the payment of the Soldiers who were
brought from the Militia of this Town & served at
New Bedford and Fair Haven for the defence of those
Towns during the last Summer.

Voted that S. Soldiers be paid out of the Town Treasury
at the rate voted by S. Town by order drawn for that
purpose by such Committee or persons as the Town shall
appoint. provided S. Soldiers shall execute sufficient
Receipts and Orders to enable said Town to draw the
wages due to them from the State.

At S. Meeting Voted that a Committee of three
be chosen to draw the Orders & take the receipts above
mentioned and transact the business in behalf of
said Town. And by vote made choice of
the following Gentlemen viz

Major Levi Pierce } The
Wilkes Woods Esq. } Committee
& Thomas Weston Esq.

Then by vote Adjourned said Meeting to the next
Town Meeting 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1814. Jurymen for November Courts

Nov. 7th At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of
the Town of Middleboro. Nov. 7th 1814.

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the
Box as the Law directs Mr. Seth Eaton Junr.
and Capt. Samuel White to serve as Jurors
at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden
at Plymouth within & for the County of Plym.
on the third Monday of November Instant.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1814. Annual March Meeting for 1814 by adjourn to
Nov. 7th The Annual March Meeting for 1814 being continued by
Adjournment to November 7th 1814 was then taken up
and the following business done viz

① Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee to devise
some plan for collecting the public money the present
year and report their Opinion at the adjournment of this
Meeting. Voted to reconsider the vote taken at the
Town Meeting to choose a Committee to devise a plan for
collecting the public money.

And Voted that the Collection of the public money for
the present year be sold to that person who will undertake
to collect said moneys for the least P^{er} cent.

And by vote made choice of Thomas Weston Esq.

Venue Master to dispose of the Collection of S. money.

And Calvin Tilton being the lowest bidder the

Collection of S. money was struck off to him the said
Calvin Tilton at two & a quarter P^{er} cent. on the
sum he has to collect.

Voted and accepted of Major Levi Pierce and
Wm. Thompson Esq. as bondsmen to the S. Calvin
Tilton.

Then by vote Adjourned said meeting to next Town
Meeting 2 O'clock P.M. Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1814 Representative to Congress

Nov. 7th At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
Middleborough duly qualified to vote for Representatives
in the General Court of this Commonwealth held at their
Town House in S. Town on the 7th day of Nov. being the
first Monday in said month 1814. Voted for the following
Persons to represent the people in the Congress of the
United States for Plymouth District were given in
sorted counted & declaration thereof thereupon made as
the Constitution directs which are as follows viz

For Hon. William Baylies Esq. 198 votes

For Hon. & Seth Sprague Esq. 181 votes

Voted & declared S. Meeting

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1814 Town Meeting Dec^r 5th 1814 by request of Selectmen

Dec^r 5th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town Meeting assembled the 5th Day of Decem^r 1814 and the following business Done viz

Thomas Weston Esq^r Moderator
At a S^d Meeting Voted to make an addition to the Pay allowed by Government to the Soldiers who were Called out by Maj^r Gen^l Goddwin for the defence of the Town of Plymouth, &c

At a S^d Meeting Voted to allow the Noncommissioned Officers & private Soldiers who were detached from the Town of Middleborough, for the defence of Plymouth, in Sept^r 1814 an addition of wages together with what is allowed by the Government of this Commonwealth, which will raise their wages to fifteen Dollars & 50 cents per month.

Then by Vote Disposed said Meeting
Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

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Full Meeting for 1814 Continued by adjournment.

Dec^r 13th The said meeting being continued by adjournment to Dec^r 5th 1814 was then taken up and the following business Done viz

Seth Miller Jun^r Esq^r Moder^r
At a S^d Meeting Voted that the Committee appointed by the Town of Middleboro' to take receipts and draw orders on the Town Treas^r in favour of the Soldiers who served at N. Bedford & Fair Haven the Summer Past for their wages be Directed to proceed in the same manner relative to the Soldiers wages by taking their receipts and giving them orders on the Town Treas^r for wages due to them for militia services done at Plymouth in Sept^r and Oct^r last.

Voted that the Treas^r be and is hereby Directed to call on the several Commanding Officers of Companies to pay in to the S^d Treas^r the money drawn by them from the Govt^{ment} of this Commonwealth for the services of all Noncommissioned Officers & private Soldiers who served at Plymouth under their Command according to next Town meeting 2 O'clock P. M.
Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1815 Annual March Meeting for 1815.

March 6th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being Legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 6th day of March 1815 for the purpose of Choosing all Town Officers required by Law to be chosen in the month of March or April then proceeded to the following business

Thomas Weston Esq^r Moderator
At a S^d Meeting by Vote made Choice of Silvanus Tilton & Wm. Weston for the year ensuing
Then proceeded by ballot for the Choice of Selectmen for the ensuing year

Thomas Weston Esq ^r	Selectmen for 1815
Wm. William Nelson	
Peter Hoar Esq ^r	
Samuel Pichon Esq ^r	

At a S^d Meeting Voted that the Officers be Chosen by General Ticket then proceeded & made Choice of the following Gentl^{men}

Thomas Weston Esq ^r	Spears for the year 1815
Wm. Nelson	
Peter Hoar Esq ^r	
Samuel Pichon Esq ^r	

Voted to Choose the Treasurer by Nominations and Silvanus Tilton being Nominated was Chosen Treasurer the present year

At a S^d Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to receive & examine & allow accounts against the Town and by Vote made Choice of the following Gentl^{men} viz

Willis Wood Esq ^r	The Committee
Col. Abel Washburn	
Maj ^r Geo. Pierce	
Wm. William Bourne	
Silas Tilton	

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1815. Annual March Meeting in 1815. brought over
March 6th

Constables
At a Meeting voted to choose five Constables the
present year & by vote made choice of the following persons
Calvin Tillson Nathaniel Bump Levi Briggs
Capt. Seth Southworth & Capt. Eben. Perkins

Surveyors of Highways
Nathan Miller, Nathaniel Hall, Sothwell Thomas
Nemiam Cushman, Ruel Thompson, St. Paul Hathaway
David Allen, Liba Eaton, George Perkins, & Saml Miller
Zachariah Eddy, Abiel Nelson, Nathaniel Macomber
Samuel Bator, Amos Raymond, Capt. Saml Baker
John Tinkham Esq. Saml Bump, Samuel Smith
Jonathan Cobb, Isaac Paul, 2^d Job Shearman
Abner Wood, Jr. Chs Cobb, Joseph Bump, 2^d Abel Perkins
Hugh Montgomery, Oliver Pierce, & Stephen Hartwell
Capt. Abel Thomas, Abner Clarks, Jacob Thompson
Obad King, Caleb Mayham, Jun. Nathl Bump
Amos Thomas, Wm Thompson Esq. Eli Shaw
E. Ebenezer Eddy, Barnabas Clark, George Vanhook
Cris Tinkham, James Perkins, Maj. Wm Bourne
John Burt

At a Meeting voted to raise on the taxable polls
and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro'
the sum of three thousand Dollars for the purpose of
improving and repairing the highways, bridges & such the
present year and to be expended in the same way it was the
last year.

At a Meeting voted to choose Inspectors of the Fisheries
in & about the present year and by vote made
of the following persons viz
Capt. Abner Bannan & 2^d Chose additional Inspectors at
each fishing place in the Town Amos Bannan, Pratts Dam
Edward Thomas, Warden bridge, Joseph Biber & Shing mill
Levi Briggs also were chosen to examine and watch Peter Vanhook
John Cabot, Jeremiah Barker & Spawmport brook & to see that no
fish are taken from the Town only the lines which they receive for
any breaches of laws respecting the Fisheries in the Town
Reported for April Meeting 12 O'clock A.M. John Tillson & Wm. Burt

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1815 Annual March Meeting in 1815. brought over
April 3rd

The Annual March Meeting for 1815 being continued
by adjournment to Monday the 3rd day of April 1815 was then
taken up and the following business done viz

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting voted to proceed to fill the vacancy of a
Selectman in the room of Pler. Hoar Esq. Deceased
And by vote made choice of Elias Richmond Selectman
for the ensuing year and also was by vote chosen
Speaker for the present year

Finance Viewers & Field Drivers
Stephen Hartwell, George Leonard, Jonathan Sherry
George Caswell, Josiah Leonard, Henry Thomas
Carl Allen, Charles Sampson, Benajah Pease
Leather Washburn, Capt. Peter Wood, Abiel Pease
Capt. Joseph Cushman, Bradish West, Nathl Leonard Junr

Surveyors of Spambur
Levi Tinkham Esq., William Thompson Esq., Heath Briggs
Nathaniel Smith Esq. Capt. James West, James Sprad
Calvin Pratt Esq. Maj. Thomas Bennett

Nothing Men
Levi Briggs, Calvin Pratt Esq., Abiel Booth
Paul Hathaway, Samuel Briggs, George Washburn
Andrew Washburn, Wm. S. Clark, Cyran Keith Esq.

Hog reeves
Quilford West, Nathaniel Andrews, Samuel Reed
William Thompson Esq., Jeremiah Keith Esq., Elias Washburn
Maj. William Bourne, William Carmish, Elias Perkins
John Miller, David Caswell Junr., Amos Thomas
Stephen Carmish, Joshua Eddy Junr., Jacob Reed
Luke Reed

Horse Reeves
George Caswell, Charles Sampson, Samuel Shaw
John Edmonstone

1815 Annual March Meeting for 1815 brought Over

At a Meeting by Vote made choice of
 Mr. James Sprague to keep the Town record the present year
 School Agents

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| Thomas Soule N ^o 1 | James Sprague N ^o 18 |
| Seth Bryant N ^o 2 | Jonathan Murdock N ^o 19 |
| Dr. Wm. Hurlburt N ^o 3 | Seth Eaton Jun ^r N ^o 20 |
| Col. Abel Washburn N ^o 4 | Paul Hathaway N ^o 21 |
| Samuel Thompson N ^o 5 | Joseph Leonard N ^o 22 |
| Adoniram Cushman N ^o 6 | Calvin Shaw N ^o 23 |
| Stephen Tilton N ^o 7 | Hiram Nelson N ^o 24 |
| Ezra Thomas N ^o 8 | Abel Nelson N ^o 25 |
| Oliver Shaw N ^o 9 | Hugh Montgomery N ^o 26 |
| John Benson N ^o 10 | Elas Briggs N ^o 27 |
| Levi S. Benson N ^o 11 | John Edminster N ^o 28 |
| Isaac Perkins N ^o 12 | East Sears N ^o 29 |
| Edw. Smith N ^o 13 | Oliver Pease N ^o 30 |
| East Allen N ^o 14 | Capt. Elias Sampson N ^o 31 |
| Abraham Thomas N ^o 15 | Baronius Perkins N ^o 32 |
| George Vaughan N ^o 16 | Seth Weston N ^o 34 |
| Job Shearman N ^o 17 | |

At a Meeting voted and made choice of the following
 Gentl^{en} a Committee to settle accounts between the
 Town & their Treasurers and reports to the Town a
 State of the Treasury

Wilbur Wood Esq^r
 Maj. Levi Pease
 Maj. Wm. Burrill } Committee

At a Meeting voted that neat Cattle shall not run
 at large on the highways & Commons the ensuing year

At a Meeting voted to choose an Agent to settle all
 accounts & demands between the Town and Mr. Jediah
 Miller and by vote made choice of

Maj. Levi Pease Agent for
 and in behalf of S. Town
 Voted & Excess to James Perkins from serving Surveys of
 highways & by Voted made choice of Capt. Daniel Smith
 a Surveyor of highways

1815 Annual March Meeting for 1815 Continued

Committee to settle with Dr. J. C. Clark
 at a Meeting voted to choose Agents to settle accounts
 between the Town & Dr. Joseph Clark and make choice
 of the following Gentl^{en} as Agents for that purpose
 Thomas Washburn Esq^r
 Maj. Levi Pease
 Wilbur Wood Esq^r

At a Meeting
 The Town then proceeded to give in their votes for a
 County Treasurer and there were for
 Joseph Cotton Esq^r of Plymouth St. Veto
 Additional Inspectors of the Flourish
 Silas Thomas, Thomas Pratt, Ebenezer Buggie
 Wm. Wood Esq^r, Samuel Burrill Esq^r, Eleazer Burrill
 Moses Seach, Benjamin Pease, Col. Abel Washburn
 Capt. Nathl. Wilder Jun^r without any objection to the Town
 then by vote adjourned to a Meeting to May meeting
 at 4 O'clock P.M. to be held at the Town House in Town
 Attest Wm. Tilton Town Clerk

1815 Jurymen for the Court
 At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
 of Middlebury in Town Meeting assembled on Monday
 the 3^d Day of June 1815. And there and there
 appointed by drawing out of the box as the Jurymen
 David Allen & Capt. Joseph Richmond to serve as
 Grand Jurors at S. Court and each of them of the Court
 Courts of Common Pleas through the year
 Also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the
 Jurors to serve at S. Court and Courts of Common Pleas
 to be held at Plymouth for the County of Plymouth
 on the second Monday of April instant
 Attest Wm. Tilton Town Clerk

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1815. Town Meeting April 3rd 1815 in Read.

April 3rd At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury on Monday the 3rd day of April 1815. & the following business done viz.

1. Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator.
At a Meeting voted to oppose the petition of Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. and others praying for a public Highway to be laid out as set forth in a petition of in favour of opposing a petition & a against the opposition.
2. The Town voted to oppose the petition of Jonathan Senne & others praying that a public Highway may be laid out as set forth in their petition.
3. And by vote made choice of Zachariah Eddy Esq. Agent for the Town to appear at Plymouth at the next Court of Sessions to be held at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of April instant for the purpose of opposing said petitioners.
4. And by vote appears a Meeting to May meeting next at 4 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1815. Jurymen for the Assizes of the Supreme Court.

April 10th At a Meeting of the Selectmen and Town Clerk and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury assembled in the Selectmen's Room.

1. Did then & there absent by drawing out of the box as the said Select Squire Trunkham and Joseph Moad Shaw to serve and receive jurors at the Assizes of the Supreme Court to be held at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the fourth Monday of April instant.

Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

1815. Governor & Lt. Governor & Senators

April 3rd At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury in the County of Plymouth & Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieut. Governor & Senators held on Monday the third day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lt. Governor & two Senators or Councillors for the County of Plymouth and the votes were as followeth viz.

Name	No. Votes	For
Hon ^{ble} Samuel Dexter Esq.	450	Gov ^r
Hon ^{ble} Caleb Strong Esq.	260	Gov ^r
Hon ^{ble} William Gray Esq.	440	Lt. Gov ^r
Hon ^{ble} William Phillips Esq.	260	Lt. Gov ^r
Hon ^{ble} Charles Turner Jun ^r Esq.	440	Senators
Hon ^{ble} Thomas Weston Esq.	432	Senators
Hon ^{ble} Nathaniel Whitman Esq.	260	Senators
Hon ^{ble} William Wood Esq.	238	Senators
Hon ^{ble} William Davis Esq.	1	Senators

Attest Silas Willson Town Clerk

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1815 Town Meeting May 1st 1815 in Session at
 May 1st At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
 of Middleborough, in Town meeting assembled on Wednesday
 the 1st day of May 1815 and the following business done
 To wit

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator.
 At a S. Meeting Voted to petition the General Court
 to authorize & establish a fishing place for the privilege of
 taking the fish called alewives at or near Pratt's Dam
 in the Town of Middleborough.

At a S. Meeting Voted to petition the General Court
 for a revision of the laws respecting the alewife fishery in
 S. Town.

At a S. Meeting Voted that the Representative be directed
 to petition the General Court to authorize & establish a
 fishing place at or near Pratt's Dam for the privilege of
 taking the fish called alewives & also for a revision
 of the laws respecting the alewife fishery in S. Town
 And that Wilkes Wade Esq. be directed to join the Representative
 in S. petition.

At a S. Meeting Voted to oppose the prayer of
 the petition of Col. Abel Washburn & others for Liberty
 to open a Canal at the northern end of a Swampscot Pond
 at the meeting stand signed until a few Representatives
 meeting.

At a S. Meeting Voted to reconsider the vote wherein
 the Town Voted to oppose the prayer of the petition of
 Col. Abel Washburn & others for Liberty to open a Canal
 at the northern end of a Swampscot Pond & in favor of
 recommending & against recommending.

At a S. Meeting Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the
 Town Voted to petition the General Court to establish
 a fishing place at or near Pratt's Dam in S. Town.

At a S. Meeting Voted to reconsider the vote wherein
 the Town Voted to instruct their Representative to petition
 the General Court for to establish a fishing place at
 Pratt's Dam and for a revision of the laws respecting
 the fish laws & to submit the matter to a
 Committee to be appointed for that purpose.

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1815 Town Meeting for May 17th 1815 brought up
 May 17th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
 Town of Middleborough May 17th 1815.
 At a S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of five
 to repair to the place contemplated for a fishing place
 for taking the fish called alewives at or near Pratt's Dam
 in said Town and to join such a Committee as may be
 appointed by the Town of Weymouth for that purpose
 and to report to the Town what in their opinion would be most
 for the interest of S. Town. (Voted by vote made choice
 of the following Gentlemen, viz.)

Col. Abel Washburn
 Wilkes Wade Esq.
 Calvin Pratt Esq.
 Wm. Weston Esq.
 & Mr. Wm. Bourne.) Committee

At a S. Meeting Voted that the above Committee be
 directed to petition the General Court for a revision of
 the now existing laws relating to the taking & preventing
 the destruction of the fish called alewives in S. Town and
 Taunton Great river and adopt such amendments as they
 shall think necessary to be made to the laws now in force
 regulating the alewife fishery.

Then by vote adjourned S. Meeting to Fall meeting
 2 O'clock P. M. Attest J. S. Johnson Town Clerk

1815 Town Meeting April 3rd 1815 by adjournment
 May 1st At a Town Meeting April 3rd 1815 being continued by
 adjournment to May 1st 1815 was then taken up
 agreeable to adjournment & the following business done.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator.
 At a S. Meeting Voted & set off Ephraim Thomas
 from School district N. 12 and Benjamin Carver
 from School District N. 13 and that they with their
 Estates be annexed to School District N. 12 in the
 Town of Middleborough. Adjourned to Fall meeting 3 O'clock
 P. M. Attest J. S. Johnson Town Clerk

1815 Representative to the General Court
 May 27th A legal meeting of the inhabitants of
 Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution
 to vote for Representatives in the Legislature of this Common-
 wealth being assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the
 27th Day of May 1815 for the Choice of a Representative
 to Represent them in the General Court, appointed to be
 convened & held at the State House in Boston on the last
 Wednesday of May Instant. At which their Deputies or Deputies
 the ensuing year.

At S. Meeting voted to send one Representative to the
 General Court the present year.
 Then proceeded to the Choice of a Representative and the
 whole number of votes were 284 Messrs to make a
 Choice 143 votes and there for.

Thomas Weston Esq. 184 votes & was Chosen
 At S. Meeting it being moved & seconded to send one
 more Representative to the General Court also voted
 in the Negative. Then by vote Deputies
 S. Meeting. Attest W. Weston Esq. Town Clerk

1815 Annual March Meeting for 1815 by adjournment
 May 27th The Annual March meeting for 1815 being continued
 by adjournment to May 27th 1815. was then taken up and the
 following business done. Attest Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At S. Meeting voted that the Selectmen be directed to
 sell the lot of land on each rateable poll in S. Town for the use
 of a Summer School in S. Town the present year.
 At S. Meeting voted and directed the Selectmen to divide
 a Surveyors district of highways in S. Town on the request of
 Barnabas Perkins & others.
 At S. Meeting voted to Choose an Agent to dispose of the
 Privilege of Making the abalone fish at quabbin brook
 the ensuing season & by vote made choice of
 Samuel Perkins Esq. Agent for the above purpose
 Then adjourned & Meeting to fall meeting 2 o'clock P. M.
 Attest W. Weston Esq. Town Clerk

1815 Town Meeting June 26th 1815
 June 26th The Town of Middleborough pursuant to precept
 from the Legislature of this Commonwealth legally assembled
 in Town Meeting on Monday 7: 26th Day of June 1815.
 + for the Choice of a Representative for the Current
 Year.
 At S. Meeting voted unanimously to Depute
 S. Meeting and adjourned as aforesaid.
 Attest W. Weston Esq. Town Clerk

1815 Town Meeting August 7th 1815 on roads
 Aug. 7th The Town of Middleborough at a legal meeting of the
 inhabitants of S. Town August 7th 1815. did then and now
 the following business (viz)
 Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At S. Meeting voted to Choose an Agent to appear
 at Plymouth at the next Court of Sessions to be holden
 at Plymouth on the second Monday of Aug^r Instant in
 the defence of S. Town to Contend against Frederick Miller
 Obtaining a Warrant of Distress against the inhabitants of S.
 Town for Damages in locating a public highway upon S.
 Town and the heirs of the heirs of John Miller & sons on the
 Petition of Col. Edward Sparrow & others and made choice
 of Wm. B. Weston Esq. Agent. and then by vote authorized
 said agent to refer all the demands made by W. Frederick
 Miller against S. Town and all the demands S. Town has
 against W. Miller to the determination of a Jury.
 At S. Meeting voted to Choose an Agent to appear at
 Plymouth at the next Court of Sessions to be holden at Plymouth
 on the second Monday of Aug^r Instant with the Discretionary power
 to oppose the petition of William Perkins and others praying
 that a public highway may be laid out as set forth in said
 Petition and by vote made choice of W. B. Weston Esq. Agent.
 At S. Meeting voted to Choose an Agent to agree with
 Manaford Robbins on a Committee to settle the road lately laid
 out by the Selectmen of S. Town on the petition of Ezra
 Thomas & others upon the land of the S. Manaford Robbins
 and allow him such damages as they in their opinion think
 him entitled too and made choice of Mr. Abel Washburn Agent
 and report to the Town at the adjourned S. Meeting
 Adjourned to fall meeting 2 o'clock P. M. Attest W. Weston Esq. Town Clerk

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1815 Fall Meeting for 1815

Sept. 16th At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown in Town meeting assembled on Monday the 16th day of September 1815 and the following Business done viz

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator of said meeting
 1. At a meeting Voted to pass over the second article in the warrant for this meeting until the adjournment of said meeting
 2. At a meeting Voted to postpone acting on the 3rd article in the warrant for this meeting relative to disposing of the Heavie Liching in S. Town until after the General Court rises next winter.

At a meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five to see that the Heavie Lich have a sufficient passage way up the stream & cause through which it has to pass the ensuing spring and to remove all obstructions to effect the same
 Name by Vot. made Chosen of the following Gent^{men} viz

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| William Thompson Esq. | The
Committee |
| St. John Wood | |
| Capt. Abner Barnes | |
| Es. Levi Briggs | |
| Mr. Sam ^l Sweeney | |

At a meeting Voted to sell at public Auction to the lowest Bidder the Support and maintenance of all the paupers belonging to the Town of Middletown for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next ensuing.

At a meeting Voted & recommended the above vote wherein the Town Voted to sell the Support of all the paupers belonging to S. Town.

At a meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five to take into consideration & devise a plan of Contributions of Sals of the Support of the poor of said Town for the year running and report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting what measures in their opinion will be most for the interest of S. Town & Comfort of the said paupers
 and by Vot. made Chosen of the following Gent^{lemen} viz

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| William Wood Esq. | The
Committee |
| Col. Abel Washburn | |
| Thomas Weston Esq. | |
| Mr. Amos Duggitt | |
| Mr. Hugh Montgomery | |

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1815 Fall Meeting for 1815 brought up

Sept. 16th at a meeting Voted to petition the Supreme Court for a writ in the action of Widdellborough against Richardson for the Support of the wife of Eben Widdell and by Vot. made Chosen of Wether Weston Esq. Agent for the purpose above mentioned.

At a meeting Voted to Chosen Agents to meet at Taunton on the last Monday of September inst. with Agents which shall be appointed from other Towns to confer on the Subject of the Heavie Liching in Taunton Great River &c. (and by Vot. made Chosen of the following Gent^{lemen} viz

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| William Wood Esq. | Agents to Taunton |
| Col. Abel Washburn | |

At a meeting Voted to set off Spivey Mathewson with his Estate from the school District in which he now is & that he be annexed to School District No. 23.

Then by Vot. adjourned to meeting four weeks from this day to be held at the Town House in S. Town at 10 o'clock A.M.

Attest: Mr. Sweeney

1815 Annual March Meeting for 1816 by adjournment

The annual March Meeting for 1816 being adjourned by Agreement to Monday the 12th day of Sept. 1815
 Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

When the Town Voted and adjourned said meeting to the next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. at the Town House in S. Town
 Attest: Mr. Sweeney

1815 The Fall Meeting for 1816 being Continued by adjournment to Monday the 12th day of October 1816 and the following Business done viz

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At a meeting Voted and accepted of Ellis Hartlow and Josiah Hartlow as Bondsmen to Samuel Hartlow in the faithful discharge of his duty in Supporting the poor of S. Town
 Voted & adjourned said meeting
 Attest: Mr. Sweeney

1815 Fall Meeting for 1815 by adjournment

Oct 16th The Fall meeting for 1815 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 16th day of October 1815 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At a Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' the sum of two thousand and eight hundred Dollars for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges arising in said Town the present year & Rateable polls & Estates to be taken in from the first day of May last past & payment to be made and bills committed to the Collector or Collector by the last of December next and paid into the Treasury by the first day of March next

At a Meeting it being moved and seconded by Bill at public Auction to the lowest bidder the support and maintenance of all the paupers which should be found Chargeable to said Town on the second Monday of April next but passed in the Negative

At a Meeting Voted to sell at public Auction to the lowest bidder the support and maintenance of all the Paupers belonging to said Town for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next on the same conditions they were last year except as the same

Then Voted to proceed to the Sale of the poor of said Town immediately and by vote made choice of May Sevi Pierce Vendue Master

And David Joseph Clark being the lowest bidder the said Vendue Master declared the support and maintenance of all the paupers belonging to said Town for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next and ending on the second Monday of April 1816 to be sold to him the said Joseph Clark for the sum of eight hundred and ninety nine Dollars \$899⁰⁰

At a Meeting Voted and accepted of James S. Small and Nathaniel Macomber as bondsmen to the said Joseph Clark in his faithful performance in the support of the poor of said Town

Then by vote adjourned to the next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas T. Allen Town Clerk

1815 Annual March Meeting for 1815 by adjournment

Oct 16th The Annual March meeting for 1815 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 16th 1815 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following

Business done by Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At a Meeting Voted to allow and pay Silas T. Allen their Treasurer for his services for receiving and paying out the Towns money for the year ending March 1815 the sum of twenty Dollars \$20⁰⁰

At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to settle accounts between the Town & their Treas.

At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to settle accounts between the Town & David Joseph Clark

The attention of the Town being called to hear the report of the Selectmen relative to saying and voting on the petition of Noah Cushman and others and voted as follows 24 votes in favour of said and 23 votes against the acceptance of said road

At a Meeting Voted to sell at public Auction to the lowest bidder the collection of the public money to be raised in said Town the present year

Then the Town Voted to proceed to the Sale of said Collection immediately and by vote made choice of May Sevi Pierce Vendue Master

And Samuel Harlow being the lowest bidder the said Vendue Master declared the Collection to be sold to him the said Samuel Harlow for three hundred and one quarter of a cent on the sum which said Harlow has to collect for said Town

Voted and accepted of May Sevi Pierce & Sevi Briggs as bondsmen to the said Samuel Harlow for the faithful performance of his duty as Collector of said Town

Then adjourned to meeting to meet Town meeting 3 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas T. Allen Town Clerk

1815 Jurymen for August Court

August 7th At a meeting of Selectmen Town Clerk & other
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro assembled
August 7th 1815. Did then & there appoint by
drawing out of the box as the said directs
Capt. Eli Wood, & Dr. Perez Thomas to serve
as Petit Jurors at the Circuit Court to be holden at
Plymouth for the County of Plymouth on the second
Monday of August instant.

Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1815 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

Sept. 26 At a meeting of the Selectmen Town Clerk & other
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro assembled
Sept. 26th 1815 Did then & there appoint by drawing
out of the box as the said directs John Tinkham Esq.
& Capt. Ephraim Ward to serve as Grand Jurors at the
Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth and also
did appoint by drawing out of the box as the said
directs Nathaniel Briggs, & Luke Reed, to serve as
Travelers Jurors at the Court to be holden at Plymouth
for the County of Plymouth on the second Tuesday
of October next.

Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1815 Jurymen for November Court

Nov. 13 At a meeting of the Selectmen & Town Clerk & other
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro assembled
Nov. 13th 1815. Did then & there appoint by drawing
out of the box as the said directs
Mr. Benjamin Coombs, & Mr. Joseph Spooner, to serve
as Petit Jurors at Court, County of Common Pleas to be
holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth
on the third Monday of November instant.

Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1816 Annual March Meeting 1816

March 13th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being
legally assembled in Town meeting on Monday the
fourth day of March 1816 for the purpose of choosing
all Town Officers & other business incident to the same
and proceeded to act on the following business viz

Then proceeded to the choice of a Clerk of the Town
and by vote made choice of Silas Tillson Clerk for
the Town
Then proceeded by ballot for the choice of Selectmen
(and made choice of the following gentlemen viz)

Thomas Weston Esq.	Selectmen for 1816
William Nelson	
Samuel Bates	
Samuel Pickens Esq.	

With Eaton Esq.

Then proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer for the Town
the present year and made choice of the following gentleman
viz

Thomas Weston Esq.	Treasurer for 1816 for the Town
Wm. Nelson	
Samuel Bates	
Samuel Pickens Esq.	

With Eaton Esq.

At a meeting voted to choose the Treasurers by
nomination and Silas Tillson being nominated was
chosen Treasurer of the Town for the present year

Committee on Accounts

Willow Wood	Committee on Accounts for 1816
Abel Washburn Esquire	
Mr. Wm. Brown	
Mr. John Purr	

Silas Tillson

John Tinkham

With Eaton Esquire

1816 Annual March Meeting brought over

March 4th

Constables

At S. Meeting voted to choose five Constables the present year
 At S. Meeting voted that that those persons who shall be chosen Constables and be accept of the Office shall do the business which has been customary for Constables to do for the Town free of any expense to the Town
 And then by vote made choice of the following Persons
 Samuel Hatlow, Spier Briggs, Nathl. Rump, J. L. Southworth, Capt. John P. Perkins, Constables and accept of S. Office for the ensuing year

Surveyors of Highways

J. M. Miller, Andrew Benson, Peter Thomas, John Eben, Tinkham, Noah Cushman, Jacob Perkins, Andrew Weston, Barnabas Eaton, Henry Strobridge, Benjamin Richmond, Seth Bryant, Abel Nelson, Capt. Nathl. Cole, M. J. Ephraim Ward, Andrew Cobb, Jonas Paul, Samuel Smith, Matthew Cushing, Abisha Wood, Jonathan Cobb, Moses Thompson, Abel Paine, Noah Clark, Daniel Sawyer, John Warren, Obadiah Sampson, George Williams, Bradock Mount, Hazael Tinkham, Abner Clark, Capt. Abner Barrows, Nathl. Thompson, Silvanus Briggs, Timothy Maxham, Nehemiah Wood, Jacob Thomas, Andrew Tucker, Jeremiah Cole, Matthias Briggs, Samuel Hatlow, Melzar Stibbs, Spier Briggs, M. J. Spier Paine, Dr. John Bird, Nathan Washburne, Edward Spawards Jr.

At S. Meeting voted to raise on the ratable polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the sum of three thousand Dollars for the purpose of amending & repairing the highways & bridges for the present year and to be expended in the following manner
 That is to allow 10^{cts} per hour for a man & 10^{cts} for a yoke of oxen for all the labour done before the first of July and for all the labour done on S. highways after the said first day of July to be 7^{cts} for a man & 7^{cts} for a yoke of oxen & 10^{cts} per hour and for a cart plough &c to be 10^{cts} per day with the oxen

1816 Annual March Meeting brought up

March 4th

Finer Viewers & Field Drivers

Stephen Hatlow, George Leonard & Jonathan Kinney
 George Carwell, Joseph Leonard, Cha. Barnard, George Thoburn, David Mann, Benjamin Paine, Nathan Washburn, David Wood, Pilham E. Gith, Capt. Joseph Cushman, Abner Clark, Chas. Leonard

Surveyors of Land

Spier Tinkham & Nathaniel Rump, Matthias Briggs, William Smith, Capt. Jonas Wood, James Spratt, Calvin Pratt Esq. M. J. Thomas Bennett

By Thing men

Capt. Abner Barrows, Abel Booth, Simon Barker, Samuel Briggs, Pilham, Moses, Enock Washburn, Abisha S. Clark, Cyrus Kuthery, Bazillai Eaton

Hog reeve

Guilford Booth, James Bly, Samuel Reed & Indus Smith, Bela Kingman, Ezra Thomas, M. J. William Bourne, Joshua Eddy, Frath Pichens, John Miller, David Carver, James Thomas, Dr. Joseph Richmond, Noah Leonard Jr., Solomon Eaton, Solomon Reed, Lewis Dean

Horse reeve

George Carwell, Alfred Eaton, Dr. Peter Thomas, John Edminister

Pound Keeper

James Spratt, Chosen to keep the Town pound the present year

At S. Meeting voted not to act any thing on the clause Article in the warrant for this meeting

At S. Meeting voted that Meat, Cattle shall not Run at Large on the highways & Commons the ensuing year

Agent at Quittus Brook

At S. Meeting made choice of Dr. Elisha Washburne as Agent at Quittus Brook

1816. Annual March Meeting brought over
March 27. School Agents for 1816

David Freeman N ^o 1	James Throat N ^o 18
Joshua Eddy Jun ^r N ^o 2	Jonathan Burdick N ^o 19
Joseph Barker N ^o 3	Jared Allen N ^o 20
Nathaniel Bump N ^o 4	Isaac Pratt N ^o 21
Samuel Thompson N ^o 5	Samuel Miller Jun ^r N ^o 22
Ruel Thompson N ^o 6	Capt. Sam ^l White N ^o 23
Stephen Wilson N ^o 7	Capt. Silas Southworth N ^o 24
Levi Thomas N ^o 8	Abiel Nelson N ^o 25
Oliver Shaw N ^o 9	Hugh Montgomery N ^o 26
Isa. Benson N ^o 10	Capt. Silas Briggs N ^o 27
Levi S. Benson N ^o 11	Nath ^l Snowball N ^o 28
Josiah Perkins N ^o 12	Earl Shaw N ^o 29
Jonathan Cobb N ^o 13	Olivet Pierce N ^o 30
Asa Miller Jun ^r N ^o 14	Capt. Elias Sampson N ^o 31
Melzer Tinkon N ^o 15	Martine Kithen N ^o 32
Hebaldt. Bishop N ^o 16	Barnabas Eaton N ^o 34
Thos. Wood Jun ^r N ^o 17	

Committee to settle with the Treas^r

At S. Meeting voted to choose a Committee to settle accounts between the Town & their Treas^r and Report a State of the Treasury and make choice of the following Gent^ll.

Willis Woodbury }
My Levi Pierce } Committee
My W^m Bousne }

At S. Meeting voted to allow and pay to Solomon Wilson their Treas^r for receiving in & paying out the Town money for the year ending in March 1816 \$1500 Dollars for that service & to the Treas^r & Book

Then At S. Meeting the attention of the Town being called to hear the request of Joseph Hathaway & others Inhabitants of School District N^o 21 relative to enlarging and Repairing the School House in S. District N^o 21. Voted and Directed the Inhabitants of S. School District to make such Enlargement & Repair and procure such utensils for S. School House as was proposed in the meeting of S. School District and then Voted that there be assessed on the taxable polls & Estates of S. School District Inhabitants \$1000 the sum of Ten Dollars for the purpose of defraying the expenses of enlarging & repairing and procuring such utensils for S. School House.

1816. Annual March meeting continued
March 28. At S. Meeting voted to sell at public Auction

to the lowest bidder the Collection of the public money to be expended in 1st Term the present year.

Then voted to provide to the State of the Collection of the Public money to be expended the present year and by vote made Chas^l & Wm^l Levi Pierce & Andrew & Martin to Dispose of S. Collection.

At S. Meeting being the lowest bidder the S. District No. 21 declared the Collecting of the public money to be sold to him the S. District No. 21 for three P^{er} cent on the sum which S. District No. 21 had to collect for 1st Term.

Inspectors of the Almshouse

Joseph Hathaway } Bath Dam
Bela Kingman }

Jonathan Burdick } quarrens & Tucker works
Samuel Sampson }

Nathaniel Bump } Sliding Mill
Levi Thomas }

Jacob Benson } Ch Stone ware
Eben^l Briggs }

Levi Briggs } at the New works as called
Benajah Pierce }

Capt. Silas Briggs at Housanport Black

At S. Meeting it being moved & seconded & Voted that the Inspectors of the almshouse take the oath to Qualify them for that Office but if they neglect so to do they shall not be entitled to pay for their Services.

Then by vote adjourned S. Meeting to April Meeting 12 O'clock P.M.

At S. Meeting S. District No. 21

1816 Fall Meeting for 1815 by adjournment

March 5th The Fall meeting for 1815 being continued by
Adjournment to Monday the 4th day of March 1816 was
then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business

Done
Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting called to choose a Committee of three
to deliberate on what measure the Town shall adopt
relative to disposing of the privilege of taking the
Marine fish at the several fishing places in the Town
of Middleborough the ensuing year

Wilkes Wood
Abiel Washburn
Samuel Pickett Esq. } Committee

At a Meeting called & accepted of the report of the
Committee above chosen which is as follows viz
Your Committee report that the Conditions of Sale of the
fishery 1816
That the privilege of the fishery at the several fishing
Places in Town be sold to the highest bidder
That the purchaser be at liberty to sell at will at the
Rate of seventy five cents the hundred, and in no case at a
higher price & a hundred shall be considered five score
That the purchaser shall pay one half the purchase
Money on the first day of June next & the other half on
the first day of September next and give bonds with two
sure & sufficient sureties to comply with the Conditions and
the Laws regulating the fishery in all respects
Your Committee further recommend that a sufficient
Number of Inspectors be chosen of the fish for the
year ensuing to cause the Laws to be duly complied with
March 4th 1816

Abiel Washburn Sec. Clerk

Then proceeded to the sale of the privilege of
the exclusive fishery in & Town
and by Vote made choice of M^r. Levi Pierce
Vintner Master to dispose of said privilege

1816 Fall Meeting for 1815 brought up

The privilege of taking the exclusive fish at the
Meeting will be sold to Joseph Barber for \$133.00
The privilege of taking the exclusive fish at
the old Stone ware Site Wilkes Wood Esq. 154.00
The privilege of taking & fish at a pond
Bridgely will be sold to John Barber for \$160.00
\$305.00

At a Meeting called and accepted of Abiel
Washburn Esq. & M^r. Joseph Bump as Surtees for
Joseph Barber
At a Meeting called and accepted of Abiel Washburn Esq.
and M^r. George Leonard as Surtees for Wilkes Wood Esq.
Voted and accepted of M^r. Levi Pierce & M^r. Vintner
Barber to John Barber as his Surtees
Then adjourned to the first Monday of
April next one o'clock P.M.

Attest J. L. Wilson Town Clerk

1816 Jurymen for April Court for the year

April 1st At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town
of Middleborough April 1st 1816 did then and there
appoint by drawing out of the box in the S. and under
Guard Joshua Wood and M^r. Levi Pierce to serve
as Grand Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas
to be holden at Plymouth for the County of Plymouth
and each of them through the ensuing year
Also did appoint by drawing out of the box in the S.
Direct. Horatio C. Wood & Thomas Leonard to serve
as petit Jurors at S. County Court of Common Pleas
to be holden at Plymouth for the County of Plymouth
on the second Monday of April instant

Attest J. L. Wilson Town Clerk

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1816 Annual March Meeting by adjournment

April 1st The Annual Meeting for 1816 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 1st day of March 1816 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment as the following business came under

Pho^o Weston Esq. Moderator
At a meeting voted and ordered Belah Kingman from serving as supervisor of the alms house for the year 1816 and also ordered Joseph Hathaway from serving as an Inspector at the alms house place and then made choice of Capt. Huer Barrow Inspectors at the alms house
W. Wilkes Wood Esq.

At a meeting voted and ordered Capt. Silas Briggs from serving as Inspector of the alms house for the year 1816 and made choice of St. Anne Clark in the room of said Briggs

At a meeting voted to make an addition of four to the inspection of the alms house without any additional expense to pursue to St. Joseph and made choice of the following persons viz
Capt. Nathl. Wilkes Junr Joseph Bumpst. Inspectors
Samuel Briggs Daniel Snow

At a meeting voted and ordered Braden Haer from serving as Surveyor of Highways and made choice of St. Barnabas Clark Surveyor of Highways in the room of Haer

At a meeting voted and ordered Wm. Richmond from serving as Surveyor of Highways and made choice of Joseph Richmond Junr in the room of W. Richmond

At a meeting voted and directed the Selectmen to allow \$500 each school agent in St. Anne one dollar and fifty cents on each rateable poll in St. Anne for the use of schooling the youth in St. Anne then voted that fifty cents of the aforesaid sum be appropriated for the use of Summer schools

At a meeting voted and ordered Saml. Miller Junr from serving as School Agent and made choice of Joseph Richmond Junr from serving as Surveyor of Highways and made choice of Saml. Vaughan Surveyor of Highways and made choice of St. Anne Clark from serving as Surveyor of Highways and made choice of St. Anne Clark from serving as Surveyor of Highways

At a meeting voted and ordered St. Anne Clark from serving as Surveyor of Highways and made choice of St. Anne Clark from serving as Surveyor of Highways

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1816 Governor & Governor & Senators

April 1st At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Willsborough, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Joint Governor taken on the first day of April being the first Monday in said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & sixteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Joint Governor of this Common Wealth. Votes for the following persons were given in South County and declaring their sense as by the Constitution is directed viz

Hon ^{le} Samuel Dexter Esq.	426	for Governor
Hon ^{le} John Brochu Esq.	227	
Hon ^{le} William King Esq.	106	
Hon ^{le} William Phillips Esq.	227	for St. Governor
Hon ^{le} William Gray Esq.	4	
Hon ^{le} Thomas Weston Esq.	418	for Senators
Hon ^{le} Charles Turner Junr Esq.	47	
Hon ^{le} Wilkes Wood Esq.	224	
Hon ^{le} David Stockbridge Esq.	227	
Hon ^{le} William Davis Esq.	1	
Hon ^{le} Seth Sprague Esq.	1	

Thus certified a Meeting Attest J. L. S. J. Thompson

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TOWN Meeting April 1st 1816

April 1st At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled on Monday the 1st day of April 1816 and the following Business done viz

① At a meeting the following Number of Votes were given in for a County Treas^r for the County of Dym^r and also for a Register of D^r County viz

Repetition Cotton Esq^r of Dym^r for Treasurer 47 Votes
Rev^d Emerson Payne of Middleboro^r for D^r 1 vote

Repetition Cotton Esq^r of Dym^r for Register 56 Votes
Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrants for this meeting untill next meeting

At a Meeting Voted and made choice of
Willis Wood Esq^r Agent for and in Behalf of D^r Town to attend to the petition of Manaphil Robbins with discretionary Powers to act on that Subject

Then by Vot^s adjourned & meeting to next Town meeting
12 O'clock at noon

Attest Silas Silliman Town Clerk

1816. TOWN Meeting April 1st 1816 by adjournment

May 15th A Town Meeting April 1st 1816 being continued by adjournment to the 15th day of May 1816 was then called to order agreeable to adjournment and the following business done viz

① Thomas Weston Esq^r moderator
At a meeting & being made & understood not to raise any money for the purpose of repairing the road leading at the North end of Fisher Thomas Land and from the Thomas over Fall Brook to the House of Nathl. Hudson (and passed by Vot^s in the affirmative)
Then by Vot^s adjourned & meeting

Attest Silas Silliman Town Clerk

308
1816 Representative to the General Court

May 15th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the Legislature of this commonwealth being assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the 15th day of May 1816 for the choice of a Representative to Represent them in the General Court Appointed to be Convened & held at the State House Boston on the 28th Wednesday of May instant & during their Session or Sessions for the ensuing year

At said Meeting Voted to send one Representative to the General Court the present year

① Then proceeded to the choice of a Representative and the whole number of votes were 295 thus far to make a choice 143 votes and there were for

Samuel Dickens Esq^r 156 votes & chosen

Then by Vot^s adjourned & meeting

Attest Silas Silliman Town Clerk

TOWN Meeting May 15th 1816

May 15th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled on Wednesday the 15th day of May 1816 and the following Business done viz

① At a meeting Voted to choose the Moderator by nomination & Seth Eaton Jun^r being nominated was chosen moderator of a meeting

At a meeting Voted not to raise any money to repair the road leading from some Briggs to Cooks Elias Sampsons
At a meeting Voted not to act on the fourth article in the warrants for this meeting on the petition of Israel Richmond and others

Then by Vot^s adjourned & meeting

Attest Silas Silliman Town Clerk

310
1816 Annual March meeting for 1816

May 18th: The Annual March meeting for 1816 being continued by adjournment to the 15th day of May 1816. was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business Done viz

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five to Report what Number of Alewives each poor person shall Receive from the Town Grants which are to be dealt out by the purchaser at 50th of a hundred and make choice of the following Gentl^{en}

Thomas Weston
Sam^l P. Patten Esquire
M^r William Nelson
M^r Sam^l Bates
M^r Seth Eaton jun^r } Committee

At a Meeting Voted & accepted to be received the report of the Selectmen in relation and straightening a road on the petition of George Mowat & others

At a Meeting Voted not to accept the report of the Selectmen in saying out a road on the petition of Silas Wood and others by in favour & by against the acceptance

Then Voted and reconsidered the vote wherein the Town voted not to accept of it report, and Voted and accepted of the Report of the Selectmen in saying out the road on the Petition of Silas Wood and that the same be recorded

At a Meeting Voted so far to reconsider the vote wherein the Town Voted that each Cattle should run at large as the man who is not able to keep but one cow shall have the privilege of letting his cow run on the highways & Commons by first procuring a permit therefor under the Discretionary Authority of the Selectmen of the Town

Then adjourned the Meeting to the Next Town meeting to be held at the Town House in 2 Town 2 O'clock P.M.

Wm^l S. Patten J. W. W. W.

311
1816 Jurymen for the Adjourn^t of the Superior Court

June 28th: At a Meeting of the Selectmen & Towns^{men} and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough June 28th 1816. Did then and there appoint by Drawing out of the box as the Town Direct M^r Abel Nelson & Capt^l Zenas Wood to serve as petit Jurors at the Court to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday of July next. M^r S. L. Tilton Town Clerk

1816 Town Meeting July 29th 1816 in Road

July 29th: At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town meeting assembled on Monday the 29th day of July 1816 and the following Resolutions were

At a Meeting Voted to Choose the Moderator
By Nomination and Thomas Weston Esq. being nominated was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting

At a Meeting Voted to Chosen an Agent to appear at Plymouth at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden within and for the County of Plymouth on the Second Monday of August next to oppose the Petition of M^r J. Miller and others praying that a public highway be laid out on the land left by the Proprietors of the tract men purchases and to discontinue a road laid out through sacking woods or cutting as set forth in their Petition and by Vote made choice of Silas Wood as Agent for the above purpose and Authorized M^r Agent to employ what Counsel he shall think necessary to carry the same into effect

At a Meeting Voted and instructed M^r Agent to agree with Isaaciah Weston Abraham Thomas and Peter Miller on a Committee to appraise the damages on the location of a road petitioned for by S. L. Miller Esq. and others instead of a Juror

Then adjourned the Meeting at 4 o'clock
M^r S. L. Tilton Town Clerk

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1816 Jurymen for August Court 1816
 July 29. At a Special Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' assembled on Monday the 29th day of July 1816 Did then & there appoint by drawing out of the Box as the Town Directs Capt. Joseph Cushman and Amos Abishair. Clerk to serve as petit jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on the second Monday of August next.
 Also S. L. Wilson Town Clerk

1816 Annual March Meeting for 1816 by adjournment
 Sept. 23. The Annual March Meeting for 1816 being continued by adjournment to Monday Sept. 23. 1816 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following Business done.
 Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen in paying out a road on the petition of Green Haskins & others with this proviso that the Road be not opened until there is one located with the Town of Middleboro' to unite with the above road.
 At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town of Middleboro' to settle accounts between the Town & their Treasurer then by Vote Adjourned at Meeting to Sept. 27 Town Meeting 2 O'clock P.M. Also S. L. Wilson Town Clerk

1816 Jurymen for the Supreme Court
 Sept. 23. At a Special meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town meeting assembled on Monday the 23rd day of Sept. 1816 Did then and there appoint by Drawing out of the box as the Town Directs
 S. H. Clark & Martin Keith Esq. to serve as Grand Jurors at S. Court and also Did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Town Directs Hugh Montgomery and Capt. Abel Washburn to serve as Grand Jurors at the Supreme Court to be holden at Plymouth on the second Tuesday of Oct. next.
 Also S. L. Wilson Town Clerk

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1816 Fall Meeting for 1816
 Sept. 23. At a Special Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' on Monday the 23rd day of Sept. 1816 and the following business done (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At a Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' the sum of Twenty eight hundred Dollars for the express purpose of defraying the necessary charges arising in & about the present year (upward) to be made and bills committed to the Collector and to be paid in to the Treasury as has been usual.

At a Meeting Voted to Chose a Committee of seven to deliberate on what measures will be most for the interest of S. Court to adopt for the disposing of the privilege of taking the alive fish in S. Town and to report at the adjournment of this meeting and by Vote made Chose of the following Gentlemen

Mr. S. L. Eaton Junr	Committee
Wilbur Wood Esq.	
Wm. Bourne Esq.	
George Leonard	
Sam. E. Pickens Esq.	
John Abel Washburn	
Seth Miller Esq.	

At a Meeting Voted to Chose a Committee of four to see that the alive fish have a sufficient passage way up the streams and dams through which S. fish have to pass the ensuing season of taking S. fish and by Vote made Chose of the following persons (viz)

Capt. Hiram Burroughs	Committee
S. S. Wood	
Mr. Levi Buggs	
Wilbur Wood Esq.	

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1816 Fall Meeting for 1816 brought over

Sept. 23. At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of seven to report what poor persons who are not paupers of said Town shall receive alms from S. Town and by vote made choice of the Selectmen a Committee for that purpose.

At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of seven to deliberate on what measures in their opinion will be most for the interest of the Town of Middleborough to accept for the support of the paupers belonging to said Town and report at the adjournment of this meeting and make choice of the following gentlemen

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| Wilbur Woodcock
Peter Miller Junr Esq
Abijah Pierce
Jacob Eddy Esq
Thos Weston Esq
Wm Hugh Montgomery
John Abel Washburne | The Committee |
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Then adjourned said Meeting to the first Monday in Nov. next at 12 O'clock at noon

Attest S. Woodcock Town Clerk

8th Jurymen for November Court

Nov. 11. At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen & Town Clerks and official inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough assembled in the Selectmen's room Nov. 11. 1816

Did there and there appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs David Hutchinson Esq. & Dr. Solomon Thompson to serve as Justices of the Peace at the County Court of Common Pleas to be held at Plymouth within the County of Plymouth on the third Monday of Nov. Instant

Attest S. Woodcock Town Clerk

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1816 Fall Meeting for 1816 by adjournment

Nov. 11. The Annual Fall meeting being continued by adjournment from Sept. 23. to November 11. 1816 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to regulate the sale of the alms fish in S. Town

At S. Meeting Voted to proceed to the sale of the alms fish at four O'clock this day

At S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of three to give the representative instructions relative to a revision of the Law regulating the alms fishery in S. Town and Taunton Great river and make choice of the following gentlemen

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| Wilbur Woodcock
Abel Washburne
& Thomas Weston Esq. | Committee |
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At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the first section of the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to deliberate on what measures is best for the Town to accept for the support of the poor of S. Town that is to wit the support of the poor altogether as usual for the ensuing year

At S. Meeting Voted not to accept of the second article in said report and Voted that the Selectmen be directed to insert in their warrant for some future meeting an Article embracing the object in the report of the said Committee recommending the building of an Alms House for the reception of the poor of S. Town

At S. Meeting Voted that the poor belonging to the Town of Middleborough be sold altogether under the same conditions as they have been for several years past

Voted to adjourn S. meeting for one hour

The meeting being taken up agreeable to the adjournment

At S. Meeting Voted and made choice of Wm. Rouse as Auctioneer to dispose of the privilege of taking the alms fish at the several fishing places in S. Town the ensuing Season & also the disposal of the support of the Poor of S. Town for the ensuing year

Then over

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 1816 Fall Meeting or 1816 brought over
 Nov 2th Sale of the Fish

Helling mill privilege sold to Maj. Levi Pierce } 130⁰⁰
 for the sum of one hundred & thirty Dollars -
 Old Stone ware privilege sold to Samuel Harlow } 170⁰⁰
 for the sum of one hundred & seventy Dollars -
 Appasawpuck Brook sold to John Bardon } 16⁰⁰
 for the sum of sixteen Dollars -
 At a Meeting Voted and accepted of same Pichers Esq.
 and John Bardon as Wardens to buy Levi Pierce
 Voted and accepted of Joseph Bump & Capt. Honor
 Burrows as Wardens to Samuel Harlow
 Voted and accepted of Wm Bourne Esq. & Silas Burrows
 as Wardens to John Bardon

Then proceeded to the sale of the supports of the poor
 One Doc. Joseph Clark being the lowest bidder the said
 supports, including the support and maintenance of all the
 Paupers belonging to said Town for the term of one year
 commencing on the second Monday of April next and ending
 on the second Monday of April next and ending
 Joseph Clark for the sum of eleven hundred & ninety five⁰⁰
 and ninety five Dollars.

At a meeting Voted and accepted of Wilkes Wood Esq.
 and James Sprague as Wardens to the said Joseph Clark
 in his faithful performance in supporting the poor of
 said Town

Then by vote adjourned to meeting to the next Town
 3 O'clock P.M. (Att. Silas Burrows & Wm Bourne)

31st Jury men for the adjournment of the Supreme Court
 March 10th 1817. At a meeting of the Selectmen & Town (30000
 and other inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro
 March 10th 1817. Did then and there appear to by
 Drawing out of the box as the said Directs
 Nathan Washburn & the Burrows to serve as
 Jurors for the adjournment of the Supreme Court
 to be holden at Plymouth in the County of
 Plymouth on the 2nd Tuesday of March next
 (Att. Silas Burrows & Wm Bourne)

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 1816 Representative to Congress
 Nov 2th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town

of Middleborough duly qualified to vote for
 Representatives in the General Court of the common-
 wealth holden at their Town House in said Town on the
 4th day of November being the first Monday in said
 Month 1816. Voted for the following persons to
 Represent the people in the Congress of the United States
 for the Plymouth District were given in order
 Counters and Declaration thereof made as the Constitution
 Directs which are as follows (viz)

Mr. Gaduel Sambrook Esq. Plymouth	333 Vots
" Wilkes Wood Esq. Middleboro	211 Vots
" Seth Sprague Esq. Duxbury	1 Vot
" Thomas Weston Esq. Middleboro	1 Vot

(Att. Silas Burrows & Wm Bourne)

Town Meeting Nov 4th 1816
 Nov 4th At a legal meeting of the lawful Inhabitants
 of the Town of Middleboro Nov 4th 1816 and the
 following Resolves were (viz)

Samuel Pichers Esq. Moderator
 At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the Selects of
 Persons selected by the Selectmen for Jurors to be
 Represented in the Juror box in said Town
 Then by Vote Adjourned said meeting
 (Att. Silas Burrows & Wm Bourne)

Our Committee recommends that the several fishing places
 for taking the Atlantic fish may be sold to the highest bidder
 that the Town the same Number of Inspectors that they had
 the last year
 And that the fish be sold for sixty seven cents per hundred
 year Committee will have recommended selling the fish
 for more than one year but some will not authorize it
 October 21st 1816. Seth Eaton and P. Borden
 The above report accepted in legal Town meeting November 4th
 1816 (Att. Silas Burrows & Wm Bourne)

1847 Representative to Congress by Promise

Jan 27 At a Special Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth held at their Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty-seventh day of January 1847. Voted for the following Representative the people in the Congress of the United States of America for the Plymouth District were given in Count and Declaration thereof made as the Constitution directs which are as follows (viz)

1st. Gadriel Sampson Esq. of Plym. 308 Vts
 " Wilbur Wood Esq. of Middleb. 195 Vts
 " Daniel Mitchell Esq. of Bridgewater 1 Vt
 And thus the Meeting was disposed

Attest: Levi S. Wilson Town Clerk

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleb. to settle accounts between the Town & their Treasurer and report the state of the finances of S. Town having attended that duty submit the following report (viz)

1st What is due from said Town

Major Thomas Bennett	34
Calvin Wilson Constable & Collector	167 ³⁷
Deans for parsonage & vicarage & vicarage ad.	276 ⁵⁹
Capt. Henry Barrows for fish privileges	12 ⁰⁰
Thos Parker and a note	43 ²⁷
John Whaley " "	2 ¹²
Capt. Joseph Cushman & note	23 ⁰⁰
In the hands of the Treasurer	134 ¹⁷
\$1567⁷⁰	
2 nd Balances against the Town	
To James Spruce	50
" Samuel Warburton	472 ⁰⁰
" Sundry Persons on Auditors Book	76 ⁰⁰
" Outstanding Taxes	145 ⁰⁰
Treasurer for his services	20 ⁰⁰
723⁵⁴	
\$836³⁶	

Middleb. Oct. 16th 1845

Levi S. Wilson Town Clerk

The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town of Middleborough to settle accounts between the Town and their Treasurer and report the state of the finances of S. Town having attended that duty submit the following Statement (viz)

1st That there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer after deducting \$43⁰⁰ of Bickshire } \$236³⁶
 and counter it money

2nd On the hands of Calvin Wilson Collector

Samuel Warburton	113 ⁷⁴
Joseph Barba & others on a bond	1576 ⁷⁶
John Whaley Esq. Esq. on a Note	103 ⁰⁰
John Barba for fish	20 ¹²
Capt. Joseph Cushman on a Note	16 ⁰⁰
Seth Hall on a Note	18 ⁰⁰
Frederick Miller on a Note	50 ⁰⁰
For Jos. Clark & Solomon Eaton on a note	18 ⁰⁰
\$2212⁰³	

3rd Due from the Town on their Books

To Dr. Joseph Clark & others for supports of the poor during apt. 1847	66 ⁰⁰
To Samuel Warburton for parsonage	137 ⁷⁴
To Treasurer for services	18 ⁰⁰
To Sundry Persons on Auditors Book	124 ⁷⁷
\$725⁹⁹	
\$1286⁰⁶	

Estimate for the year 1847

Remittance of Taxes & Support of Schools	\$1630 ⁰⁰
Military Taxes	160 ⁰⁰
Accounts not attached and outstanding	200 ⁰⁰
Collecting Taxes	130 ⁰⁰
Supporting Taxes & paying out roads	150 ⁰⁰
Support of the Poor	1000 ⁰⁰
For road & support. Repairs of Bridges	1200 ⁰⁰
Contingencies	160 ⁰⁰
\$4530⁰⁰	
Deduct the balance due the Town	1286 ⁰⁶
\$3243⁹⁴	

Levi S. Wilson Town Clerk

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1817 Annual March Meeting for 1817.

March 3^d The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the third day of March 1817 for the purpose of choosing Town Officers and other business inserted in the warrant and proceeded on the following Business viz

1st Thomas Weston Esq. Chosen Moderator
Then proceeded to the choice of Clerk and by vote made choice of Silas Tillson Clerk of said Town for the year ensuing
Then proceeded by ballot for the choice of Selectmen and made choice of the following Gentlemen

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| Thomas Weston Esq. | Selectmen |
| W ^m William Nelson | |
| W ^m Samuel Bates | |
| Capt. Eben ^r Pichens | |
| W ^m Seth Eaton jun ^r | |

Then by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen Assessors

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| Thomas Weston Esq. | Assessors |
| William Nelson | |
| Samuel Bates | |
| Eben ^r Pichens | |
| Seth Eaton jun ^r | |

Treasurer

1st Voted to choose the Treasurer by nomination and Silas Tillson being nominated was chosen Treasurer

Committee on Debt

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| Willis Wood Esq. | Committee |
| W ^m Levi Pierce | |
| W ^m Bannister | |
| Gen ^l Abel Washburn | |
| Silas Tillson | |
| Joseph Seaman | |

Constables

1st Samuel Haslow Levi Briggs Nath^l Bump
Capt. Seth Southworth Capt. Eben^r Pichens

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1817 Annual March Meeting for 1817 brought out

Surveyors of Highways

Seth Miller Esq. Samuel Rider Elizer Thomas
Ruel Thompson Grenleaf Pratt Simons Seaman
Eneas Eaton Henry Thobridge Hercules Richmond
Capt. Southworth Ellis Abel Nelson Capt. Seth Southworth
George Caswell Amos Raymond Carl Sears
Capt. Samuel Thompson Matthew Cushing Jeremiah Thomas
Jonathan Cobb James Sauls Nathan Sherman
Nash Clarke Isaac Bryant Cyrus White
1st Jeremiah Keith Jun^r George Williams Oliver Pierce
Hazel Finkham Abner Clark Capt. Abner Benson
Capt. Thomas Cawington Silvanus Briggs Timothy Haxham
S^r Ichabod Wood Lewis Cobb Andrew Tucker
S^r Ebenezer Eddy Stillman Clark Jacob Haxham
S^r Barden Gershom Foster Samuel Bannister Jun^r
S^r John Bunt Capt. Joshua Shaw Jacob Bannister
Capt. Nelson Wood David Richmond S^r Thomas Spruce

2nd Voted to raise on the rateable polltax of the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough the sum of three thousand dollars for the purpose of amending the highways and bridges in said town the ensuing year and to be assessed and expended in the same manner as was the last year

Peace Viewers and field officers

1st Stephen Haslow Joseph Clarke Joseph Dunham
George Caswell Josiah Seaman Henry Thomas
Newland Pierce Silas Hathaway Capt. Abel Thomas
Abner Washburn Andrew Cobb Joseph Haxham
Nathaniel Bump Silas Briggs John Cobb
Abel Booth John Pierce

Surveyors of Land

1st Isaac Finkham Nath^l Bump Silas Pichens Martin Keith
Capt. Thomas Wood James Spruce Calvin Pratt Esq.
Ray Thomas Bennett

By thing men

1st Levi Briggs Abel Booth Simon Bachman Abel Nelson
S^r Pelham Wood Enoch Washburn Abishai S. Clark
Cyrus Keith Esq. Isaac Pratt

187 Annual March Meeting brought over

March 33.

Hogreovers

- Guilford Bath. James Bly. Samuel Reed,
 (1) Finns Tucker Bela Kingman Barnum W. Wood,
 Levi Briggs Joshua Cady Jun. Silas Pickens
 St. Pelham Thos. Thos. Southworth Ellis Harlow
 (2) Joseph Richmond Oliver Leonard Oliver Alden
 Joel Shaw Josiah Perkins

Horse-revers

- (3) Joseph Leonard Alfred Eaton Wm Bourne Esq.
 Job Parrie

Pound Keeper

- (4) By Vote made choice of James Sprout to
 keep the Towns pound the present year
 At a meeting voted not to action the eleventh article in
 the warrant for this meeting respecting swine
 At a Meeting voted that meat cattle shall not run
 at large on the highways & Commons the present
 year excepting those persons who in the opinion of the
 Selectmen are unable to hire their cows pastured shall
 have that privilege by producing a Certificate from
 the Selectmen authorizing that privilege

School Agents for 187

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| (5) Jacob Smith N ^o 1 | James Sprout N ^o 18 |
| Crocker Cobb N ^o 2 | Silvanus Wamery N ^o 19 |
| Capt Samuel Thompson N ^o 3 | Nathan Washburn N ^o 20 |
| Thomas W. W. N ^o 4 | Bela Kingman N ^o 21 |
| (6) Solomon Thompson N ^o 5 | Joseph Leonard N ^o 22 |
| Stephen Harlow N ^o 6 | Capt Samuel White N ^o 23 |
| Stephen Tillson N ^o 7 | Ct Ephraim Ward N ^o 24 |
| Ellis Harlow N ^o 8 | Abel Nelson N ^o 25 |
| Oliver Shaw N ^o 9 | George Williams N ^o 26 |
| Mathew Cushing N ^o 10 | Capt Silas Briggs N ^o 27 |
| Obad Griffith N ^o 11 | Abel Beech N ^o 28 |
| Nathan Reider N ^o 12 | Earl Shaw N ^o 29 |
| Moses Thomas Jun N ^o 13 | Oliver Pierce N ^o 30 |
| Edward Sparrow N ^o 14 | Southen Washburn N ^o 31 |
| John Warden N ^o 15 | Josiah Barrows N ^o 32 |
| Samuel Harlow N ^o 16 | Ephraim Leonard N ^o 34 |
| Abner Woodhouse N ^o 17 | |

187 Annual March Meeting for 187 continued

Inspectors of the Abolition Feb for 187

- (7) Joseph Jackson } Inspectors at Bath Dam
 Joseph Clark }
 Southern Union } Inspectors at the Warrens works
 Samuel Harlow }
 Isaac Bath } Inspectors at the Hittingmill Bath
 Genl Abel Washburn }
 W. H. Washburn } Inspectors at the Whetstone works
 Capt Abner Barrows }
 Levi Briggs } Inspectors at the New works
 Saml Barrows }
 John Barden Inspectors at the Spaulding bridge
 At a meeting voted to choose an Inspector for Johnson
 Canal & made choice of
 Samuel Briggs Inspector at S. place
 At a Meeting voted that the Inspectors of the Abolition
 Feb who shall take the oath to that Office shall exhibit
 their accounts to the Committee or Audit for allowance for
 their services. At a Meeting voted to allow
 the Inspectors for their faithful attendance in this service
 10th of Nov.

Committee to settle with the Treasurer

- At a Meeting voted to choose a Committee to settle
 accounts between the Town & their Treasurer and report
 a state of the Treasury and by Vote made choice of the
 following Gentl^{men} viz

Wilkes Wadsworth
 Maj Sam Barrows
 Wm Bourne Esq.

- (8) At a Meeting voted to choose an Agent to defend
 the suit brought by David Isaac Allen against the Town
 of Middlebury. And by Vote made choice of
 Allen and the Agent for said Town
 and by Vote made choice of Wilkes Wadsworth Agent for
 the Town purpose
 Then by Vote adjourned to the first Monday of
 April next 2 o'clock P.M. At a Meeting of the Town
 held over

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Plymouth for April 7th 1817 Personally appeared
Thomas Weston Esq. Mr. William Nelson Mr. Sam^l.
Bates, Capt. Eben^r. Pickens & Mr. Seth Eaton Jun^r.
and took the Oath of Selection for the Town of
Middleborough respecting all Elections & the returns
thereof before ... Silvanus Tillson

Plymouth for May 15th 1817 Personally appeared
Thomas Weston Esq. Mr. William Nelson Mr. Samuel
Bates & Mr. Seth Eaton Jun^r. and took the Oath
of Office for the Town of Middleborough for the
year ensuing before Silvanus Tillson

Plymouth for May 15th 1817 personally appeared
Capt. Seth Southworth & Mr. James Sauls &
and took the Oath of Surveyors of Highways for the
Town of Middleborough the present year
before Silvanus Tillson

Plymouth for March 25th 1817 personally appeared
Reuel Thompson and took the Oath of Surveyors of
Highways for the Town of Middleborough the ensuing
year before Isaac Thompson Justice of Peace

1817 Annual March meeting for 1817 brought over
March 1st At a Meeting voted to choose an additional
Surveyor in the District where Amos Weston lives
& Surveyor the last year and by vote made choice of
David Hutchinson as Surveyor of Highways
At a Meeting Voted to choose an additional
Surveyor in the District where Jos^{ph}. Thurlow
lives and by vote made choice of St. Thos. Sprout
Surveyor of Highways

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1817 Jurymen for the Circuit Court of the County of Middlesex
April 28th At a Meeting of the Selectmen & Town Clerks
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
April 28th 1817 Did then and there appoint
by drawing out of the box as the Law directs (viz)
Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. & Capt. Ebenezer Pickens
to serve as petit Jurors at S. Court. and also
Did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law
directs Carl Dean & Levi Tinkham to serve as
Grand Jurors at the S. Court of the United States
at Boston. Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1817 Jurymen on the petition of Benjamin Hammond
against Timothy Hammond & others
May 1st 1817 Did then & there appoint
By drawing out of the box as the Law directs
Capt. Thomas Covington St. Southen Mardock
Capt. Seth Southworth Capt. Greenleaf Pratt
and Col. Peter H. Pierce to serve as Jurors
at Rochester on S. petition

Jurymen on the petition of Nathan Briggs against
Nash Hammond & others May 1st 1817
At a Meeting of the Selectmen and Town Clerks
Did then & there appoint by drawing out of the box
as the Law directs
Capt. Elias Sampson Mr. Thomas Duggles
Mr. James Sprout Esq. Isaac Pratt
and Capt. Simeon Washburn to serve as Jurors
on the above S. petition at Rochester
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1897 Annual March Meeting for 1897 by ag

April²⁵ The Annual March Meeting being continued
by adjournment to Monday the 3rd day of April
1847 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment
and the following business done.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 Abs. & Keating by vote removed by a 2/3rds
 from serving as their man and made choice of John
 Allen & Tapping man the ensuing year

Attest: *John & James M. Thompson* from Green
School Agents and music Chorus of *Saml Shaw School*
Spent in the room of *S. Thompson* & *Ellis Wharton* from

At a meeting voted & renewed Ellis H. Astors from
Serving school agent & man of the first Wood School
agent the ensuing year.

Let Mr. Medley collect & receive John Barrows from
Stimington School agent and by vote make choice of David
Hubbs, Tubou School agent.

At a Meeting voted and ordered Hercules Richmond
from Surveyor of Highways and by vote made
Chas of Benjamin Warburton Surveyor of Highways for
the ensuing year.

At a Meeting voted and agreed Samuel Bouam Jun.
from Surveyor of Highways and by vote made Choice
of James Spradell Surveyor of Highways the present year

At a meeting voted to allow Silas Tilton the
Treasurer for receiving in and paying out the Town
Money for the year ending in March, 1817 the sum
of \$18.00 for his services for that service.

At a Meeting voted to sell at public auction
the Towns Debt and by vote made Chaas of
Thomas Weston Esq. Vendue Master & upon of said
Collection, and Calvin Tilton being the lowest
Bidder the said Vendue master declared the Collection
of said money to be sold to him the s^d Calvin Tilton
for two & three fourths of 1st Cent on the sum which
said Tilton had to collect for s^d Town
And by Vote made Chaas of Calvin Tilton,
Collector for s^d Town the year ensuing.

1817 Annual March Meeting for 1817 Continued

April 7th A. S. Meeting Voted and Despatched of the report of the
Selectmen in saying and uttering a word on the request of
Manasseh Robbins & others Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury

At a Meeting held to chuse Agents to meet with
the Committee appointed by the General Court at their
last Session on the petition of William Badger and others—
Praying for an alteration in the Laws regulating the fur
trade in Hamilton Great river and by vote made Chas. of
Wilkes Wood & Thomas Weston Esquires Agents for the
above purpose.

At a P. Meeting Voted that the Agents be authorized
\$25.00x to draw out of the Town Treasury Vouchers for Dollars
to repay the expense of P. Committee and to be accountable
to the Town for the expenditure of the money so drawn by them.

At a Meeting by Vote made Chas. J. Johnson
Dampson, & Ephraim Leonard Town Clerks & John Davenport
for the Town of Middlebury the year ensuing

At S. Meeting Voted and was chosen of the
Poems hereafter named to serve as Inspectors of the
Schools for the ensuing season, but not to be any
Expense to the Town for their services

Earl Bourne Samuel Sumner Jacob Barrows
Sami Thomas² Nath^l Bump Ebenezer Wilder
M^{rs}. Levi Pierce W^m Bourne Daniel Warren
Insulators

Then by vote adjourned to meeting to next Town
Meeting at 12 O'clock at noon

Juryman for the Court & the Year

At the Vestral meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
Middletown April 7th 1867 - Did then and there appoint
by drawing out of the box as the Sons Virtue

Joshua Eddy Junr. and M^r. Henry Woodbridge to serve as Grand Jurors at the Circuit Court & Common Pleas next Feb^r later at Plymouth for the County of Plym^e and each Superior through the year also said appointments by waving out of the Box as the Law directs Israel Richmond Capt^l & Elias Briggs to serve as petit Jurors at the Circuit Court on the second Monday of April instant M^r. Silas Tilton Town Clerk

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1807 Governor & Senators

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Senators held on the first Monday of April being the twentieth day of April in the year of our Sol^d 10th one thousand eight hundred & seven for the purpose of giving in their vote for Governor & Governor of the Commonwealth and two Lieutenants or Commissioners for the County of Plymouth votes for the following persons were given in both counts and Declaration thereof as by the Constitution is directed

Hon ^{ble} Henry Dearborn Esq ^r	291	for Governor
Hon ^{ble} John Brooks Esq ^r	197	
Hon ^{ble} William King Esq ^r	293	for Lt. Governor
Hon ^{ble} William Phillips Esq ^r	197	
Charles Turner Jun ^r Esq ^r	292	
Thomas Weston Esq ^r	286	for Senators
Elisha Ruggles Esq ^r	195	
David Sturbridge Esq ^r	196	
Seth Sprague Esq ^r	1	

Then the meeting was adjourned Silas Wilbur Town Clerk

1807 Jurymen for August Court

At a meeting of the Selectmen & Town Clerk and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Augst 1st 1807 Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the Box as the said writ William Sturbridge & Nath^l Bump to serve as petit Jurors & 6 Count to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of Augst instant

Attest: Silas Wilbur Town Clerk

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1807 Representative to the General Court

May 15th At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth being assembled in Town meeting on Thursday the fifteenth day of May 1807 for the choice of a Representative to represent them in the General Court appointed to be convened and held at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday of May Instant so naming three Deputies or Deputies for the ensuing year

At S^t. Meeting voted to choose one Representative to the General Court the present year & members then proceeded to the choice of a Representative and the whole number of votes were 281 necessary to make a choice and there were for

Seth Miller Jun^r Esq^r 162 votes
Then the Meeting was adjourned
Attest: Silas Wilbur Town Clerk

1807 Annual March Meeting by adjournment

May 15th The Annual March Meeting being continued by adjournment to May 16th 1807 was taken up & agreeable to adjournment and the following business done

1st Resolved that Thomas Weston Esq^r Moderator
At S^t. Meeting being moved & seconded to reconsider the vote wherein they chose Simon Leonard Surveyor of highways and passers in the negative

At S^t. Meeting voted and authorized the Selectmen to draw ovens on the purchase of the above fish to deliver to such poor persons as it should be the opinion of the Selectmen shall in their opinion be entitled to receive
Alsevier Grates from the Town

Then adjourned to next meeting at 2 O'clock
P. M. to be holden at their Town House
Attest: Silas Wilbur Town Clerk

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187 Annual March Meeting for 187 by adjourn.
 Sept. 22^d The Annual March Meeting for 187 being continued
 by adjournment to September 22. 187 was then taken
 up and the following business was done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At a meeting and accepted of the report of the Committee
 Chosen by the Town to settle accounts between the Town
 and their Treasurer.
 At a Meeting Voted that the Note which the Town
 Hold against Peter Hall for the sum of thirty Dollars should
 be cancelled.
 At a Meeting Voted and directed their Treasurer to
 collect the money which the Town has a claim for
 against Capt Joseph Cushman immediately also
 to demand of Mr. Frederick Miller John Whig and others
 Bishop Ashley & Nathan Clarke. Clark & Eaton
 John Benson & others Thomas Bennett. and if not paid
 within thirty days from this date to prosecute the
 demands.

At a Meeting the Town Voted and directed their Treas.
 to call on Samuel Harlow to pay the balance due from
 him to the Town one half to be paid in thirty days and the
 other half in ninety days but if the first payment is not
 complied with Execution to issue for the whole sum.

At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the
 Selectmen in laying out a highway and the petition of
 Israel Richmond & others with this proviso that the said
 Israel Richmond pay to the heirs of Edward Richmond &
 Dever. the Damages estimated by the Selectmen for the same.

At a meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen
 in altering and widening a road on the petition of Enos Eaton
 and others.

At a Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the
 Selectmen in altering & laying out a road by the request of
 the "Warblers" & others.
 Adjourned to the 1st Town Meeting 2^d October A. D. 187.
 Attest L. L. Brown Town Clerk

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187 Fall Meeting for 187
 Sept. 22^d At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the
 Town of Middleborough a public meeting was held on Monday the 22^d day
 of September 187 and the following business was done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At a meeting Voted to raise on the taxable polls &
 Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 the sum of three thousand & five hundred Dollars for
 the purpose of defraying the necessary charges
 arising in the Town the present year in payment to be
 made and bills committed to the Collector to be paid
 into the Treasury in the way it was the last year.

At a meeting Voted to sell to the highest bidder the
 Privilege of taking the lobster fish at the several fishing
 places in the Town on the same conditions they were 3 or
 4 years. Excepting the purchasers shall be at the expense
 of inspecting all the river below the State mill.
 Voted to dispense with the sale of the fish under
 the adjournment of this meeting.

At a Meeting Voted to choose an agent with
 discretionary powers to effect a settlement with Samuel
 Harlow respecting a bill which the Town has paid to
 him. Amos Allen was attending one of the meetings of the
 Town & expressed willingness to be an agent for the Town.
 Chosen by vote of the Town agent for the above
 purpose.

At a Meeting Voted to add two more agents
 to serve with Enos Whittier in the settlement with
 Samuel Harlow. and by vote were chosen
 William H. Weston and John Devereux the traditional agent.

Then by vote adjourned to the next
 Monday and a vote was passed and attested by the
 Town Clerk.

Attest L. L. Brown Town Clerk

187. Fall Meeting for 1877 by adjournment

Nov. 3. The Annual Fall Meeting for 1877 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 3. day of Nov. 1877 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done viz

Thomas Wilson Esq. Moderator

At. 3. meeting Voted that the amount of the balance income of the alms house of this town in this and each year to come until the town shall otherwise order shall be appropriated & reserved for the purchase of procuring a house and establishment for the accommodation of the paupers of this town and the Treasurers of this town for the time being is hereby authorized and directed to place the amount of the balance income from year to year an interest to be paid annually taking security with two good bondsmen for the same until the proceeds thereof shall be applied by said town to the object above expressed

Then proceeded to the state of Affairs and voted to choose an Auctioneer to dispose of the privilege of taking and fish at the several fishing places of town & by vote made choice of May. Levi Pierce auctioneer &c

Meeting well proceeded sold to Jacob Barrows } \$200.00
for the sum of two hundred Dollars

Also some were sold to Capt. Peter Barrows } \$184.00
for the sum of one hundred & eighty four Dollars

Also some were sold to Samuel Briggs } 16.00
for the sum of sixteen Dollars

At. 3. meeting Voted and accepted of Capt. Peter H. Pierce and Capt. Peter Barrows as Bondsmen to Jacob Barrows Voted and accepted of Capt. Peter H. Pierce & Capt. Peter Barrows as Bondsmen to Capt. Peter H. Pierce

187. Fall Meeting for 1877 Continued

Nov. 3. At. 3. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee that the Alms house have a sufficient passage way up the Stream & Dams through which it goes have to be kept during season and to remove all obstructions to effect the same and by vote made choice of the following persons

One Levi Briggs
S. J. Hobbs Wood
Capt. Peter Barrows

At. 3. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee that the town should support the poor of this town on the 1. day of April next respecting their clothing and make out a supply for each of said paupers & that the Committee shall think it necessary to make them decent and comfortable at the expense of the town and that a Purchase to be held to receive it for good the end of the year equally as well & to be in the hands of said Committee as they are a Committee of said town and by vote made choice of the following persons

Levi Briggs
S. J. Hobbs Wood
Capt. Peter Barrows

At. 3. meeting Voted and to the town to bid out the Support and maintenance of all the paupers belonging to said town for the term of one year excepting John H. H. and family on the same conditions they were last year. May. Levi Pierce Auctioneer to dispose of the Support of said paupers. And Joseph Clark being the lowest Bidder the said Auctioneer declared the Support of said paupers for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next and ending on the second Monday of April 1879 - To be sold to him the said Joseph Clark for the sum of eight hundred & twenty five Dollars \$825.00

At. 3. meeting Voted to pass over the subject of the Alms house to the next meeting and by vote made choice of the following persons

1877 Fifth Meeting for 1877 by Adjournment

Resolved The Annual stock meeting for 1877 being continued by adjournment to Monday Dec. 1st 1877 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At 3 o'clock meeting called and requested of Geo. Joseph Clark & W. James Spratt as Wardmen to Joseph Clark & in his faithful and punctual performance in the support of the poor of the town

At 3 o'clock meeting called to allow and pay out of the Town Treasury to the Widow Lydia Thomas two Dollars for damages by her husband in locating a road over her land

At 3 o'clock meeting called to choose a Committee of three to inquire into the circumstances relative to the Request of George Nuttall for damages by him sustained in locating a road over his land and report at the adjournment of this meeting and by vote made choice of the following Gent. viz

Thomas Weston
Abel Washburn
& Wm. Burr Esquires } Committee

At 3 o'clock meeting called to choose an Agent to advise with their representatives at the ensuing Session of the Legislature of this Commonwealth on the subject of the new fish pond and by vote made choice of Thomas Weston Esq. Agent for the above purpose

Then by vote adjourned to meet at next March Meeting One O'clock P.M.

Attest Wm. J. Thompson

1877 Town Meeting Vol. 3 1877 on the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others

Then Voted to adjourn said meeting to the first Monday of December next at One O'clock P.M.

Town Meeting held Volume 3 1877 being continued by adjournment the Monday Dec. 1st 1877 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done

At 3 o'clock meeting called and requested of Geo. Joseph Clark & W. James Spratt as Wardmen to Joseph Clark & in his faithful and punctual performance in the support of the poor of the town

At 3 o'clock meeting called to allow and pay out of the Town Treasury to the Widow Lydia Thomas two Dollars for damages by her husband in locating a road over her land

At 3 o'clock meeting called to choose a Committee of three to inquire into the circumstances relative to the Request of George Nuttall for damages by him sustained in locating a road over his land and report at the adjournment of this meeting and by vote made choice of the following Gent. viz

Thomas Weston
Abel Washburn
& Wm. Burr Esquires } Committee

At 3 o'clock meeting called and requested of Geo. Joseph Clark & W. James Spratt as Wardmen to Joseph Clark & in his faithful and punctual performance in the support of the poor of the town

Then by vote adjourned to meet at next March Meeting One O'clock P.M.

Attest Wm. J. Thompson

1871 4th Meeting for 1871 by Adjournment

As the Annual State meeting for 1871 being continued by Adjournment to Monday Dec. 1. 1871 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At a Meeting called and accepted of by Joseph Clark & W. James present as Wardmen to Joseph Clark in his faithful and punctual performance and the support of the poor of the Town.

At a Meeting called to allow and pay out of the Town Treasury to the Widow Lydia Thomas for damages by her husband in locating a road over her land.

At a Meeting called to choose a Committee of three to inquire into the circumstances relative to the Request of David Nuttall for damages by him sustained in locating a road over his land and report at the Adjournment of this meeting and by Vote made choice of the following Gent. viz

Thomas Weston
Abel Washburn
& W. James Esq. } Committee

At a Meeting called to choose Agents to receive for the Town representation at the coming Session of the Legislature of this Commonwealth on the subject of the new fire law and by Vote made choice of Thomas Weston Esq. Agent for the above purpose.

Whereby Vote Adjourned to Meeting to next March Meeting One O'clock P. M.

Attest Eli A. Thompson

1871 Town Meeting Nov. 3. 1871 on the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

Then Voted to adjourn said meeting to the first Monday of December next at One O'clock P. M.

Town Meeting held Nov. 3. 1871 being continued by adjournment to Monday Dec. 1. 1871 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At a Meeting called to receive and consider the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others for a road to be laid out in the town of ...

At a Meeting called upon a motion being made to allow the Prayer of the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others to receive the Town to determine the question in said Petition and more fully to ascertain the number in favour and against a petition and those appearing in favour of said Petition the number of four was and as to the prayer of a petition the number of one hundred sixteen of two.

At a Meeting called to choose a Committee of three to draw a remonstrance against the prayer of the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others or take any other measures opposing a petition that they in their opinion shall think proper. And by Vote made choice of the following Gent.

Walter Wood
Thomas Weston
& Green Pierce Esq. } Committee

At a Meeting called and instructed Walter Wood Esq. their Representative together with Thomas Weston Esq. chosen Agent for said Town to use their united effort at the coming Session of the Legislature of this Commonwealth in opposing the prayer of the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others or adopt such a course of procedure as they in their opinion shall think the most likely to effect the object of their instructions.

Whereby Vote Adjourned to Meeting to next March Meeting One O'clock P. M.

Attest Eli A. Thompson

1817 Annual March Meeting for 1817 by adjournment

Nov. 23rd The Annual March Meeting for 1817 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 3rd day of Nov. 1817 was then taken up. Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator and by Vote adjourned to next Town meeting Nov. 20th 1817.

Said Meeting being continued by adjournment to Monday the 3rd day of December 1817 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done viz Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At the meeting voted and made choice of St. Oliver Washburn Agent to Disburse of the Privilege of taking the Salmon fish at quinn's brook the coming season.

Then by Vote adjourned to next March meeting 2nd Clerk R. K. Allen & S. L. Johnson Town Messrs.

1817 Jurymen for the Superior Court Sept 22nd 1817

Sept 22nd At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town meeting assembled on Monday the 22nd day of Sept. 1817.

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box in the said direct Samuel Pickens Esq. & Thomas Sprague to serve as grand Jurors at the Court and also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the said direct Samuel Boone Esq. & John Bent to serve as Jurors at the Superior Court next to be holden at Plymouth on the 1st of October next.

Attest S. L. Johnson Town Messrs.

1817 Jurymen for Nov. Court Nov. 3rd 1817

Nov. 3rd At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in Town meeting assembled Nov. 3rd 1817. Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box in the said direct Samuel Washburn & Edward Sparrow to serve as grand Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on the 1st of Nov. 1817.

Attest S. L. Johnson Town Messrs.

1818 Annual Fall Meeting for 1818 by adjournment

Nov. 23rd The Annual fall meeting being continued by adjournment to Monday the 3rd day of March 1818 was then taken up and the following business done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At the meeting voted and made choice of the report of a Committee chosen by the Town upon the request of Squire Hurdock and that the Treasurer be directed to pay out of the Towns money to Squire Hurdock the sum of fifty nine Dollars allowed to him by the Committee.

The Committee chosen to inquire into the circumstances relative to the request of Squire Hurdock for damages by him sustained in locating a road which have been allowed to the same Squire leave to report.

That they examine and Mr. Hurdock's statement and the amount of damages which he sustained in locating the said road & the fencing and after considering the same we are of opinion & so report that the said Squire Hurdock be allowed and paid out of the Towns money the sum of fifty nine Dollars for damages sustained in locating the road over his land.

which is respectfully submitted.

Thomas Weston Esq. Clerk

Middleboro' March 3rd 1818.

Attest S. L. Johnson Town Messrs.

1818 Annual March Meeting for 1818.

March 23 The Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 23rd day of March 1818 for the purpose of choosing Town Officers and other business invested in the several Town Meetings & proceeded to the following business (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At Ld. Meeting by Vote made choice of Silvanus Silsbee Town Clerk for the present year.
Then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen and made choice of the following Gentlemen

Thomas Weston Esq.
Wm. Williams Nelson
Capt. Enock Washburn
Capt. Ebenezer Pichers
Wm. Little Eaton Junr.

Selectmen for 1818

Speepers

Thomas Weston Esq.
Wm. Williams Nelson
Capt. Enock Washburn
Capt. Ebenezer Pichers
Wm. Little Eaton Junr.

Speepers for 1818

Treasurer

At said Meeting Voted to choose the Treasurer by nomination & Silvanus Silsbee being nominated was chosen Treasurer.

Committee on Accounts

Wm. Wood Esq.
Capt. David Price
Wm. Bourne Esq.
Capt. Abel Washburn
Silas Little
M. S. Munnick
& Seth Miller Esq.

Committee for 1818

1818 Annual March Meeting brought up on tables

March 23

Samuel Harlowe Esq. Buzge
Nathaniel Bump Seth Southworth
& Abraham Shaw

Surveyor of Highways

Seth Miller Esq. Nathaniel Rider, Simon Thomas.
George Thompson, Frederic Pratt, Solomon Reed
Abner Eaton, Elias Pichers, Ephraim Scandrett
Joshua Eddy Junr. Abel Nelson, Simon Southworth
Ephraim Ward, David Wood, Nathaniel Whiting Junr.
Nathaniel Whittier, Elias Wood, Josiah Scandrett
James Southwick, Nathaniel Thompson, Nathaniel Clark Junr.
Samuel Bryan, Junr. Cyrus White, Seth Eaton Junr.
Hugh Montgomery, Oliver Price, Maynard Tenkham
Abner Colgate, Jacob Barrows, Thomas Covington
Mint Scandrett, David Smith Junr. Abel Washburn Esq.
Harvey C. Thomas, Andrew Tucker, Ebenezer Eddy
Isabellus S. Canine, John Barren, Daniel Wood
Samuel Briggs, Dr. Abel Thompson, John Dent
Elijah Allen Junr. Rowland Price, Capt. Nelson Wood
David Richardson

Justice of the Peace

Reuben Thompson, Joseph Clark, Samuel Cole
Nathaniel Harwood, Joseph Scandrett, Henry Thomas
Rowland Price, Elias Hathaway, Isaac Briggs
Samuel Briggs, David Wood, Thirhaist Clark
Nathaniel Bump, Capt. Elias Briggs, George Thompson
Abel Baether, Oliver Price

Surveyors of Towns

Simon Tenkham, Nathaniel Bump, Elias Pichers
Harshen Knuth Esq. Capt. James Wood, James Munnick
Capt. Frederic Pratt Esq. Joshua Eddy Junr.

1810 Annual March Meeting brought over

March 23^d 2^d Thingmen
 Levi Briggs, Abel Booth Simon Backus
 Abel Nelson, Seth Miller and Enock Haskins
 Thibault Clark Thomas Spruce Solomon White

Hopewell
 Quilford Booth Noah Clark Samuel Reed,
 Isaac Tucker, Bela Kingman Ezra Thomas
 3^d 4th Abel Thomas, Seth Weston, John Hinds
 5th George Haskins, Thos Southworth, Ellis Haslow
 Benjamin Richmond, Miah Leonard, John Hurd
 6th Elijah Eaton, Eliphalet Lewis, Junr

Horsemen
 Joseph Leonard & Wm Eaton Saml Leonard
 Abel C. Booth

Town Keeper
 W James Spruce Chosen to keep the Town
 Pound the present year

At S^d Meeting voted that a Committee of seven be
 chosen to devise the best method of choosing schoolmasters
 for the several districts in town and of paying for the
 instruction and the expenses of the several schools and
 report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting
 and were chosen of the following gentlemen viz

Burhanah Eddy Esq
 Wm Wood Esq
 Wm H. Eaton Junr
 Samuel Richmond
 Jos And Thompson
 Seth Miller Esq
 Wm Southrop Esq

And that said Committee be directed to ascertain
 what sum of money the town are required to
 lay out to raise for the support of schools and
 report at the adjournment of this meeting

1810 Annual March Meeting Continued

March 23^d At S^d Meeting voted to raise on the taxable lots
 and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Marlboro
 \$3000.00 the sum of three thousand Dollars for the purpose
 of purchasing and repairing the highways and
 Bridges in said town the present year and appoint
 a man and bills Committee to the Surveyor
 & expended in the same way as the
 last year

Inspectors of the Alewife fish
 Royal Elms Inspector at Bath Lane
 Capt. Henry Barrow at Warren & Tucker works
 Elms Briggs } at the Hopewell
 Eben Webster }
 Levi Briggs } at the Old Stone works
 Capt. H. L. Thomas }
 5th Nathan Tribou } at the New works
 Isaac Eaton }
 Abel Booth Hoarwampsett Brook
 Saml Briggs Jackson Canal

At said meeting voted that the Inspectors be allowed
 eight cents per hour for their services when called to
 examine the Vch to receive the Town Vch to allow eight
 eighth cents per hour and voted to allow said Inspectors
 when called to the house of Faithfull attention that
 Service and that said Inspectors be required to take the
 oath to that effect but in case of neglect to take the
 oath they shall not be entitled to pay for their services
 and also voted that each Inspector keep a record
 of the day of the month and of the week on which he
 attends that service and number of hours spent in the
 service of the town and to make oath to their accounts
 if required

At said meeting voted to
 add two more Inspectors to the number already chosen
 at the expense of the purchasers and make choice of
 Jacob Barrow & Thomas Barrow
 When by Vch adjourned by Seth Miller Esq
 At said meeting 2 o'clock P.M.

Annual March Meeting for 1818

Apr. 6th The Annual March Meeting for 1818 being continued by adjournment to Monday 7th 6th day of April 1818 was then taken up as usual to adjournment, and the following business done.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At a meeting being moved & seconded to accept of the report of a Committee appointed by the Town to devise the best method for the support of Schools &c. in the Town & passed in the Negative.

At Meeting voted that the several School Districts and Town be called upon to make choice of some Person in their District to be their Agents and make returns of the Name of the persons chosen at the adjournment of this Meeting that they may be accepted.

At Meeting voted to allow and pay Silas Wilbur Treasurer Eighteen Dollars for recording & paying back the Towns money for the year ending in March 1818.

At Meeting voted to call the Towns Tax for the Collection of the Public Money to be raised by the Town the coming year, and Joseph Jackson being the lowest bidder the collection was made off to the said Joseph Jackson for one year & one quarter of the sum which he had bid to collect for the Town. Joseph Jackson chosen Constable for the ensuing year.

At Meeting voted that meat cattle shall not run at large on the highways & Commons the ensuing year.

At Meeting voted to choose an Agent for the behalf of Town to take care of an indictment against a Towns Constable of the road & bridge that Chose was to be done, being set off by the Town & one quarter of the sum which he had bid to collect for the Town. Joseph Jackson chosen Constable for the ensuing year.

At Meeting voted that meat cattle shall not run at large on the highways & Commons the ensuing year. At Meeting voted to choose an Agent for the behalf of Town to take care of an indictment against a Towns Constable of the road & bridge that Chose was to be done, being set off by the Town & one quarter of the sum which he had bid to collect for the Town. Joseph Jackson chosen Constable for the ensuing year.

1818 Commencement of the Town of Middlebury

April 6th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Senators held on the first Monday of April being the thirty of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lt Governor of this Commonwealth and two Senators or Commissioners for the County of Plymouth. Votes for the following persons were given in said County and Qualification therefor as by the Constitution is directed.

Voted	
Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninshield	339
Hon. John Brooks	202
Hon. William Phillips	201
Thomas Kitteridge Esq.	340
William Merrill Esq.	1
Hon. Thomas Weston	338
Sarah Webster Esq.	341
Hon. Elisha Ruggles	200
Ebenezer Gay Esq.	200
Hon. Seth Sprague	1

Then Disposed of meeting at Middlebury N.H. 1818

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1818 Town Meeting April 6th 1818

Apr 6th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled on Monday 6th day of April 1818 and the following Business Done (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At said Meeting gave in their votes for a County Treasurer for the County of Plymouth & there were For Respected Colten Esq. of Plymouth 12 votes
Voted to postpone the 3rd Article in the warrant for this meeting until May meeting

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three to confer with Samuel Harton with regard to the expenses which did occur in the time said Harton kept the poor of S. Town for the support and maintenance of said women by the name of Traveller by the Town of Taunton for which the inhabitants of the said Town of Taunton has received against the Town of Middleborough and which at the adjournment of this meeting
And by vote made choice of the following Gentl^{men} (viz)

Mr. Levi Pierce
Nathan Wood
Wm. Brown Esquire

then by vote adjourned said meeting to May meeting
2 O'clock P.M. Attest John S. Tilton Town Clerk

1818 Jurymen for April Court & for the year

Apr 6th At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough April 6th 1818 did they and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs
Sylvanus Wilson Esq. to serve as Grand Juror at the C. C. of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth and at such adjournment through the year also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs St. Paul Hathaway and W. Lathrop Perkins to serve as petit Jurors at said Court to be holden at Plymouth on the second Monday of April instant
Attest John S. Tilton Town Clerk

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1818 Annual March Meeting for 1818 by adjournment

by the Annual March Meeting for 1818 being continued by adjournment to the sixth day of March 1818 was then held in accordance to the adjournment and the following business Done (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

School Agents or Committee

Francis Howard No. 1	For said township 18
John Bryant " 2	Samuel Thompson " 19
Levi Smith " 3	Obadiah Dambros " 20
Thos. Washburn " 4	St. Joseph Smith " 21
Thos. Covington " 5	Joseph Spencer " 22
George Thompson " 6	Wm. Hathaway " 23
William Shaw " 7	Samuel Thompson " 24
Isiah Thomas " 8	Joseph Kinney " 25
Oliver Shaw " 9	George Clifton " 26
John Thomas " 10	Wm. Clark " 27
Nelson Thomas " 11	Thos. Washburn " 28
Garret Fuller " 12	Levi Paul " 29
Isaac Cobb " 13	Oliver Pierce " 30
Edward Sparrow " 14	Isiah Washburn " 31
Isiah Washburn " 15	Benjamin Carter " 32
Isaac Cushman " 16	Joseph Jackson " 33
Bliss E. Gibbs " 17	

At said Meeting Voted and made choice of the following Gentl^{men} a Committee to settle accounts held at the Town and their Treasurer & report a State of the Treasury

Mr. Levi Pierce
Nathan Wood
Thomas Weston Esquire

At said Meeting Voted and accepted to be recorded a report of the selectmen in relation to straightening and laying out a public highway on the petition of Cyrus Washburn and others

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1818 Annual March meeting brought over

May 6th A. S. Meeting Voted & directed the Selectmen of said Town together with the addition of a Committee of five Chosen by a Vote of said Town hereafter named to Repair the road and view the road and bridge near Chivers Works so called to ascertain whether it is best to repair for the Interest of S. Town to widen the road and dam and repair the Bridges over said works or alter the road to some other place if they in their Opinion shall think best and made choice of the following Gent^lmen

Willis Wood Esq. M^r Hugh Montgomery
Samuel Pickens Esq. S^r Stephen Shaw
Seth Miller Jun^r Esq. Jeremiah Eddy Esq. The Committee

A. S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five to draw their Certificates on the purchasers of the Salvoise fish to such poor persons in their respective districts as they in their Opinion shall think are entitled to receive alms from the Town and made choice of the following Gent^lmen

John Abel Washburn
Seth Miller Jun^r Esq.
Hugh Montgomery
Ephraim Beach
May^r Levi Purce The Committee
Adjourned to Next Town meeting two O'clock P. M.
Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1818 Jurymen for the adjourn^t of the Superior Court

June 22nd A Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough June 22nd 1818 did then and there appoint by drawing out of their box as the draw directs Calvin Smith Esq. & M^r Rebecca Cobb to serve as Jurymen at the adjournment of the Superior Court to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday of July Next.

Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

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1818 Representative to the Gen^l Court

May 6th A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the Legislature of the Commonwealth being assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the Sixth Day of May 1818 for the Choice of a Representative to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened & held at the State House in Boston on the Sixth Wednesday of May Instantly do during their session or Session for the ensuing year

A. S. Meeting Voted to send one Representative to the General Court the present year & no more
Then proceeded to the Choice of some person to Represent the Inhabitants of said Town the present year and by Vote of said Town Made choice of

Seth Miller Jun^r Esq Representative

That the meeting was Adjourned. Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1818 Town Meeting April 6th being continued by adjourn^t

May 6th A Town Meeting held April 6th being continued by adjournment to the sixth day of May 1818 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following Business done

1 Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
at said Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough for the Express purpose of repaying the Mortgage Charges arising on S. Town the Present year the sum of three thousand 2000 Dollars Rateable polls & Estates to be taken in from the first day of May instant & payment to be made by the first day of July next and bills committed to the Collector and Paid into the Treasury by the first day of January next
Adjourned to Next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silvanus Tillson Town Clerk

1818 ²⁴⁸ Town Meeting June 15. 1818 on the Dam & Bridges at Chivers works

June 15. At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Town Meeting assembled June 15. 1818 and acted on the following business viz

① Lechariah Eddy Esq. Moderator
 A/said Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen and a Committee appointed by the Town to view the Road Dam and Bridges at and near Chivers works which report is on file with the files of the Town

② A/said Meeting Voted to repair the Dam & bridges at Chivers works and to put the said Dam & bridges in such a State of repairs as to be convenient and safe for the Public

③ A/said Meeting Voted that a Committee of seven be chosen to repair to the said Dam over Chivers works to ascertain what extent of repairs are necessary in order to make said road as good as the Law requires also to ascertain what obligations the Town are under in respect to maintaining a road over said Dam and the extent of said obligations also to ascertain whether the consent of the owners of the works is necessary in order to make the necessary repairs & if so to ascertain whether the owners of said works will consent that the necessary repairs shall be made.

Voted to choose a Committee by Nomination and the following Gentlemen being nominated were chosen and to report at the adjournment of this meeting

James Spratt
 Joseph Richmond
 John Tinkham Esq.
 Isaac Pratt
 Wm Strobridge
 Capt Henry Barrows Junr
 Martin Smith Esq

The Committee

Then adjourned & Meeting for two weeks Monday the 29th of June Instant 2 O'clock P.M.
 Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1818 ³⁴⁹ Annual March Meeting for 1818 by adjournment

June 15. The Annual March meeting for 1818 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 15th day of June 1818 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and proceeded on the following business viz

① Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 A/said Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen in saying that a road on the petition of Warren Raymond & others

② A/said Meeting Voted to allow & pay M^{rs} Hugh & Montgomery their account being the sum of two Dollars & eighty three cents for alimony paid & delivered to Joseph Cushing and the W^{id} Swift last year

Then made choice of Nathan Woodbury Moderator pro tem

③ A/said Meeting Voted to allow and pay Th^{os} Weston Esq his debt being the sum of eighty Dollars & eighty eight cents with the deduction of eight Dollars

They Voted to reconsider the vote wherein the Town Voted to allow the ass^t of Th^{os} Weston Esq as is above expressed

④ A/said Meeting Voted to allow & pay Th^{os} Weston Esq his debt being the sum of eighty Dollars & eighty eight cents with the deduction of one Dollar from said acc^t

⑤ Finally Voted adjourned said meeting to fall meeting to be held at the Town House in 3 Town 12 O'clock P.M.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1818 Jurymen for August Court

July 27. At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough July 27. 1818

① Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the Box at the Town direct Capt Southward Ellis and Capt Henry Barrows to serve as petty Jurors at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on the second Monday of August next

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

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1818. Town Meeting June 15th by adjournment
June 29th A Town Meeting held June 15th 1818 being continued by
adjournment to Monday June 29th was then taken up
agreeable to the adjournment, and the following business
transacted

Lechariah Eddy Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting Voted to reconsider the vote where in the
Town Voted at a previous meeting to repair the road dam
and bridge over Olvers works (so called)
And after hearing the arguments for and against the
repairing of said dam & bridge and several moves being
made on the subject, and passed in the negative
Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting for four weeks
to be held at the Town House in the Town at 4 O'clock P.M.
Attest J. W. Sullivan Town Clerk

Town Meeting June 15th 1818 by adjournment
July 27th A Town Meeting held June 15th 1818 being continued
by adjournment to Monday 27th day of July 1818 was
then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following
business done

Lechariah Eddy Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting Voted that an agent be appointed
to petition the C. C. of Common Pleas having jurisdiction
of Superior business to discontinue the highway over the dam
and bridge at Olvers works & to locate a highway across
the mill pond above provided a reasonable time be
allowed said Town to build the road and bridge across said
pond provided also that the owners of the works will pay
to the Town one hundred Dollars towards the expense of the
new contemplated road and that the Town still retain the
Privilege of taking the sluice feed at S. Dam and
Provided said agent can make a binding contract with a
Responsible Person to build said bridge and road for
one thousand Dollars and by Votemane Chosen of
Wilbur Wood Esq. Agent for the above purpose
Resolved by Votemane
Attest J. W. Sullivan Town Clerk

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1818. Town Meeting July 27th 1818 on roads
July 27th At a Legal Meeting of the voteable inhabitants
of the Town of Middleborough in Town Meeting appointed
on Monday the 27th day of July 1818 and the following
business done

Lechariah Eddy Esq. Moderator
At a Meeting Voted not to Choose an agent to
oppose the petition of Capt. Nathaniel Cole and others
for a road to be laid out as set forth & described in their
Petition

At a Meeting Voted not to oppose the
Prayer of the petition of Ebenezer Lentham & others for
a road as set forth and described in their petition

At a Meeting Voted to reconsider the vote where in the
Town Voted not to oppose the petition of Capt. Nathaniel Cole
and to oppose the petition but no agent chosen

At a Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to appear
at the C. C. of Common Pleas having jurisdiction of Superior
Business in behalf of the Town of Middleborough to oppose
the prayer of the petition of Doniram Cushman and
others for a road as set forth and described in their
Petition and by Vote appointed Wilbur Wood Esq. Agent

At said Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to appear
at the C. C. of Common Pleas next to be held at Plymouth
within and for the County of Plymouth in behalf of said
Town to oppose the prayer of the petition of
Solomon Leonard and others for a road as set forth
and described in their petition

And by Vote appointed Lechariah Eddy Esq. Agent
Then by Vote Dissolved said meeting

Attest J. W. Sullivan Town Clerk

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1818 Annual March Meeting by adjournment

Sept. 28th The Annual March Meeting for 1818 being continued by adjournment to Sept. 28th 1818 was then taken up equable to adjournment and the following business done viz.

- Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
Lth. S. Meeting the Town Clerk being absent
1. Made choice of Isaac Stevens Clerk pro tem who was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty by Thomas Weston Esq.
 2. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen relative to laying out and altering a highway near the House of Thomas Washburn.
 3. Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the next Town Meeting to be held at this place at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk Pro tem
Jurymen for the Supreme Court.
For September 28th 1818 The following persons were drawn as Jurymen at the Supreme Court to be held at Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October Next viz

May. William Bourne } Grand Jurors
Luke Reed }
And Leas. Perez Thomas } Travers Jurors
Capt. Enock Washburn }

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk Pro tem
1818 Jurymen for November Court Nov. 2^d 1818
Nov. 2^d A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough Nov. 2^d 1818

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs Thomas Weston Esq. and M. Josiah Barrows to serve as petit Jurors at the C. C. of Common Pleas to be held at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the third Monday of November Instant.

Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

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1818 Annual Fall Meeting for 1818

Sept. 28th A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough assembled Sept. 28th 1818

- Chose Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
Voted to postpone the Sale of the Fish to an adjournment of this meeting
Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to enquire upon the state that the Fish have a sufficient Passage way up the streams and dams through which said Fish have to pass for the ensuing year and to remove all obstructions to effect the same & make Channel.

Capt. Oliver Barrows } Committee
Schaboe Wood }
Seth Miller Esq. }
Voted to choose a Committee of seven persons to take into consideration the Subject of the Support of the Poor & Maintenance of the Towns poor and to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting such measures as they shall think most expedient for the Town to adopt on that Subject for the year ensuing and make choice of Thomas Weston, Ichabod Eddy Wilbur Wood Martin Knitt Samuel Pickens Esquires.

Attest Seth Eaton Junr & M. Hugh Montgomery Committee
Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the application of Benjamin Coombs to be set off from School District N. 13 & annexed to School District N. 32 and to report their opinion thereon to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to set off Jeremiah Knitt with his property from School District N. 20. and annex him with his Property to School District N. 21.

Voted that the Agent for Superintending the building a Bridge across the mill pond at Choen works be authorized to agree with the person who may undertake the job to make payment in four equal instalments the first in six months the second in nine months the third in twelve months and the fourth when the Bridge is completed.

Attest

1848 Annual Fall Meeting brought over.

Sept. 20th Voted to Choose an Agent to advise with
their Representative on the Subject of the New ^{High} Road
and made Choice of Wilbur Wood Esq. for Agent

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to view
the Road near Rocky Gutter brook so calling to determine
what measures ought to be taken for its future repairs

Voted this meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday
of November next at 1 O'Clock P.M. that this be a
Matter Isaac Stevens Town Clerk for them

1848 Representative to Congress

Oct. 2nd City a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the
Town of Middleborough duly qualified to vote for
Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth
Held at their Town House in S. Town on the Second day
of November being the first Monday in said month
Voted for the following persons to Represent the
People in the Congress of the United States for the 15th
District were given in stated Counted and Declaration
thereof as the Constitution directs which are as follows

For Hon. Jacobus Sampson Esq. Plymouth	321
William Bourne Esq. Middleboro	142
Hon. William Baylies Esq. Danvers	1
Hon. William Davis Esq. Plymouth	1

(And then the Meeting was Dissolved)
Attest Silvanus Johnson Town Clerk

1848 Annual Fall Meeting for 1848 by adjournment

Nov. 2nd The Annual Fall meeting for 1848 being Continued by
Adjournment to Monday the 2nd day of November 1848
was then Taken up and the following business done

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of a
Committee Appointed by the Town to take into Con-
sideration the Support and Maintenance of all the paupers
Belonging to the Town of Middleborough

Voted to Choose a Committee of nine persons in different
parts of the Town and authorized to contract on their best
Conditions they shall be able to obtain with some one
or more persons who shall have suitable accommodations
and who will in their opinion comfortably support and
Maintain all the paupers which are or shall become charge-
able to S. Town the ensuing year excepting those who shall
be confined in Jail for debt, who shall give bonds to
the Town Treasurer with two sufficient Sureties conditioned
in the same manner the present bonds to the Town are
and by Vote made choice of the following Gentlemen

Silber Miller Jun. Esq.	Calvin Pralting	The Committee
Col. Peter H. Pierce	Samuel Pickens	
Oliver Pierce	Dothrop Perkins	
Elijah Shaw	Thomas Pratt	
J. Cole & Ephraim Ward		

Then by Vote adjourned to Meeting to next Town Meeting
to be held at the Town House 2 O'Clock P.M.
Attest Silvanus Johnson Town Clerk

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1818. Town Meeting Decr. 28. 1818 on the Division of the Town.
Decr. 28. At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Middleborough, in Town Meeting Assembly
on the 28th day of December 1818. and the following
Business done viz -

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
At S. Meeting it being moved to oppose the prayer
of the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others in the
Vote being called there appeared one hundred & seventeen
Votes in favour of the motion for opposing the petitioners
and twenty six votes against the motion.

At S. Meeting voted to choose an Agent to appear at
the next Session of the Legislature of the Commonwealth
and to exercise his influence in opposing the prayer of said
Petition by taking such measures as he in his opinion
shall think the most likely to effect the object of his
Agency. And by Vote made choice of

Thomas Weston Esq. Agent for the above purpose.

At S. Meeting voted and directed Wilkes Wood Esq. the
Agent chosen to advise relation to the new fish draw and
Thomas Weston Esq. the Agent chosen to oppose the prayer
of the petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others that they
be limited in conducting the business for S. Town in both
objects according to their discretion.

At S. Meeting voted to choose a Committee of three
to draw a Memorial with such instructions to the Agent
Chosen Agent for S. Town to oppose the prayer of the
Petition of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others as they in their opinion
shall think proper. Also voted and directed their
Committee to examine their discretion in ascertaining the
Numbers in Tithing part of Middleboro. who are opposed to
the Division of S. Town and by Vote made choice of the
following Gentl^{men} viz -

Majr. Levi Pierce
Wilkes Wood

Committee

At S. Meeting voted and directed Luther Miller Junr. Esq.
their Representation to exercise his influence at the
General Court in opposing the prayer of the petition
of Calvin Pratt Esq. and others.

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1818. Town Meeting Decr. 28. 1818 Continued
Decr. 28. At S. Meeting voted and introduced Eubank Esq.
their Agent to present a memorial to the Court of Common
Pleas having Jurisdiction of Session business to discontinue a
part of a road which may be located on the petition of
George Wood and others.
Then by Vote Disposed of Meeting Adj. E. L. Wilson Town Clerk

1818 Annual March Meeting for 1818 by adjournment

Decr. 28. The Annual March Meeting being continued by
Adjournment to morning the 28th of December 1818 was
then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the
following business done viz -

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At S. Meeting voted to allow and pay out of the
Town Treasury three Dollars to Levi Briggs for services
done for S. Town the present year.
(Agreed to next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P.M.
E. L. Wilson Town Clerk)

359
1817 The Annual Fall Meeting for 1818 by adjourn.

March 1st The Annual Fall Meeting for 1818 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 10th day of March 1819 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done viz.

1. Ch. in Meeting Voted to choose agents to take & dispose of the albacore fish at the several fishing places in & Town the ensuing season.
2. Ch. in Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of five to agree with such persons as they shall think proper or agents to take and dispose of the fish in & Town the present year and they to account with the Committee for the proceeds of fish fish (and the Committee to return the proceeds thereof to the Town Treasury) and made choice of the following gentlemen viz.
 Majr. Levi Pierce, Wilbur Woodcock,
 Genl. Abel Washburn, Calvin Pratt Esq. Committee
 and William Bourne Esq.
3. Ch. in Meeting Voted & directed their Committee to sell their fish not to exceed 10^{cts} per lb. and that the Committee should the price of fish at their discretion preference being first given to the inhabitants of & Town in disposing of said fish.
4. Ch. in Meeting Voted to reconsider the Vote wherein the Town Voted and choose a Committee to take and dispose of the albacore fish provided the privilege shall sell for Six Hundred Dollars or more and to be sold on the same condition they were the last year.
5. Then by Vote made choice of Majr. Levi Pierce & Isaac Hatten to dispose of the privilege to the highest bidder (and Capt. Abner Barrows being the highest bidder and the same being sold to him the said Abner Barrows for the sum of six hundred & four Dollars \$604.00 at the Meeting Voted and accepted of Jacob Edmonds and Co. L. L. Pierce as Bondsmen for the said Abner Barrows.
6. Then by Vote the Meeting was dissolved.

Attest: Silas Tillson Secy

360
1819 Annual March Meeting for 1819.

March 1st The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 1st March 1819 for the choice of Town Officers and in the warrant for the meeting.

Received of the Town of Middleborough one hundred & seven Dollars in part of an
 settlement made on the polls & debts of School District No. 1
 for the purpose of building a school house in S. District
 for day money
 \$107.00

Chosen Town Officers
 H. S. Eaton Junr Moderator
 Chosen Selectmen and made following Gent. viz.

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| Capt. Samuel Thompson | Selectmen for the year 1819 |
| H. Williams Nelson | |
| Capt. Enoch Washburn | |
| H. Abner Clark | |

- Chosen
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| Capt. Samuel Thompson | Treasurer |
| H. Williams Nelson | |
| Capt. Enoch Washburn | |
| H. Abner Clark | |

Voted to choose the Treasurer by Silvanus Tillson being nominated.

- Att. on Accounts
- | | |
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| Lebanah Eddy | Committee on Accounts |
| Thomas Weston | |
| Calvin Pratt | |
| Seth Miller Esq. | |
| H. Simon Bachus | |

Attest: Silas Tillson Secy

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1819 The Annual Fall Meeting for 1818 by adjourn.

March 1st The Annual Fall Meeting for 1818
by adjournment to Monday the 1st
was then taken up agreeable to the
following business done viz.

245.00
182.75
62.25
7.51
34.76

① Chosen Meeting & then to choose
of the following fish at the several fish
the ensuing season.

245
47.00
2.00
7.51

② Chosen Meeting & then to choose a Com
with such persons as they shall think
proper to advise with the Committee for
and the Committee to return the price
thereof. and made choice of the

54.76
56.76

Major Levi Pierce, William W.
Gardner, Abel Washburn, Calvin
and William Barrows Esq.

③ Chosen Meeting & then to choose the
then fish not to exceed 100 lb. and
to choose the price of fish at their
being fish given to the inhabitants
of said fish.

④ Chosen Meeting & then to reconsider the
Towns votes and choose a Committee to
the said fish provided it privilege
thousand Dollars or more and to be sold
they were the last year.

Then by Vote made choice of Major
Hastor to advise of the privilege to

and Capt. Abner Barrows being the highest bidder
and the same being sold to him the said Abner Barrows
for the sum of six hundred & five Dollars \$605.00
at the Meeting & then accepted of Jacob Barrows
and Co. Peter W. Pierce as Bondsmen for the
Abner Barrows.

Then by Vote of Meeting was resolved
that Silas Tilton Treasurer

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1819 Annual March Meeting for 1819

March 1st The Inhabitants of the Town of Westborough
being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the
first day of March 1819 for the choice of Town Officers
and other business in the warrant for the meeting.

① Mr. Seth Eaton Junr. Moderator
Silvanus Tilton Chosen Town Clerk

Then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen and made
choice of the following Gent. (viz)

② Capt. Samuel Thompson
Mr. William Nelson
Capt. Enoch Haskins
Mr. Abner Clark
Mr. Seth Eaton Junr.

③ Then proceeded to the choice of the following
Gentlemen

④ Capt. Samuel Thompson
Mr. William Nelson
Capt. Enoch Haskins
Mr. Abner Clark
Mr. Seth Eaton Junr.

⑤ Treasurer
Then by Vote of Meeting & then to choose the Treasurer by
nomination and Silvanus Tilton being nominated was
chosen Treasurer.

⑥ Committee on Accounts
Truman Eddy
Thomas Weston
Calvin Pratt
Seth Miller Esq.
Abraham Barrows
Major Levi Pierce
Silas Tilton

1819 Annual March Meeting by adjournment
 April 3rd. The Annual March Meeting being continued
 by adjournment to Monday the 5th day of April
 1819 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment
 and the following business done viz -

1. To the Eaton Jun^r. Moderator.
2. At the Meeting Voted & Excused Eph^r. Leach
 from serving Constable the present year
 & made choice of Nath^l. Macomber Constable for
 the year ensuing.
3. At the Meeting Voted & Excused Daniel Perkins
 from serving Surveyor of highways & made choice of
 Seth Allen Surveyor of highways the ensuing year
 Voted & Excused Dr. Melzaribrow from serving Sur^rgeon
 of highways and made choice of Dr. Lech^r. Weston
 Surveyor of highways for the ensuing year.

School Agents for 1819

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| Francis Wood N ^o 1 | Dr. Read Thompson N ^o 18 |
| Seth Bryan N ^o 2 | Samuel Sampson N ^o 19 |
| John S. Stullen N ^o 3 | Edward Cole N ^o 20 |
| Genl. Abel Washburn N ^o 4 | Simon Backus N ^o 21 |
| Capt ^r Tho ^s . Carington N ^o 5 | Joseph Leonard N ^o 22 |
| George Thompson N ^o 6 | Capt ^r Samuel White N ^o 23 |
| Stephen Sillson N ^o 7 | Nath ^l . Thompson N ^o 24 |
| Frederic Cobb N ^o 8 | Abel N. Allen N ^o 25 |
| John Bent N ^o 9 | George Williams N ^o 26 |
| Matthew Cushing N ^o 10 | George Pickens N ^o 27 |
| Nelson Thonson N ^o 11 | William Canedy N ^o 28 |
| Capt ^r Gamal Stullen N ^o 12 | Garle Sears N ^o 29 |
| Frederic Cobb N ^o 13 | John Allen N ^o 30 |
| Abel N. Allen N ^o 14 | Abel Washburn N ^o 31 |
| Dr. Lech ^r . Weston N ^o 15 | Arthur Knapp N ^o 32 |
| Genl. Daniel Vaingham N ^o 16 | Isaiah Eaton N ^o 34 |
| Nath ^l . Clark Jun ^r N ^o 17 | |

Surveyors of Land
 Lewis Tinkham & Nath^l. Bump, Silas Perkins
 Nathan Kitching, Capt^r Jonas Wood, James Sprout
 Simon Backus, Calvin Throck, Capt^r Eben^r. Perkins

Annual March Meeting for 1819 Continued
 April 5th & 6th Thence Voted & Excused Drivers

- Freeman Cole, Obadiah Sampson, Samuel Cole &
 Nathaniel Macomber, Thomas Clapham, Earl Allen,
 Rowland Pierce, Edward Cole, Jacob Barrows,
 Southern Washburn, & Elias Thomas, Nathaniel Barrows,
 Nathaniel Bump, Capt^r Silas Briggs, George Thompson,
 Abel Booth, Earl Sears, Capt^r Ethan Pierce,
 Dr. Joseph Richmond.

By the way Men for 1819
 Hanson Wetherell, Abel Booth,
 Stephen Burgess Jun^r, Lathrop Lewis, Pelham Wood,
 Thomas S. Throther, Nath^l. Tinkham, & Tho^s. Sprout,
 Solomon White, Capt^r Nelson Thomas.

Agreeable
 Joseph Barren, Nath^l. Clapham, Samuel Reed,
 Daniel Fisher, Greenleaf Pratt, Nathaniel Shortt,
 Eliphalet Elmiston, Seth Norton, Silas Perkins,
 William Bennett, James Cole, Harvey C. Thomas,
 Thomas F. Leonard, Aquah Leonard, Oliver Allen,
 Isaac Pratt, Abel Pierce.

Housewives
 Joseph Leonard, John Shaw Jun^r, Sam^l. Leonard,
 Sittman Clark.

Pound Keeper Mr. James Sprout

At the Meeting Voted to sell at public auction
 to the highest bidder the collecting of the public money
 Money to be Appointed in & down the present year
 by Vot^r made choice of May^r. Lewis Pierce & under
 Master to dispose of the Collection
 And Henry Bishop being the lowest bidder the said
 Collection was struck off to him the said Henry Bishop
 for 2 P^{cts} on the sum which he had to collect
 then Voted and made choice of Henry Bishop
 Collector for & down the present year.

1817 Annual March Meeting for 1817 brought forward

Constables

At S. Meeting voted that the Constables chosen (and who do accept of it) Office shall be the business for S. Town free of expense to the Town and make choice of the following Gentl^{men} viz

Samuel Haslow. Nathaniel Bump
Joseph Sherkley Joseph Jackson & Elisha Seaborn

Surveyors of Highways

George Hackett. Nathaniel Rider. Dury Weston
George Thompson. Greenleaf Pratt. Danice Thrasher.
Cyprus Washburn. Zebulon Pickens. Southern Macomber
Joshua Eddy Junr. Abel Nelson. Capt. Nathan Cole.
Co. Ephraim Harris. David Wood. Nath. Ashley Junr.
Nathaniel Shurtliff. & Elias Thomas. Wm. N. Thomas
Timothy Smith. & Chas. Reed. Daniel Sawyer.
Cyprus White. Daniel Perkins. George Williams.
Henry Pickens. Levey Norton. Keith Bassett.
Capt. Abner Barrows. Junr. Abel Washburn. Amil Wood.
Andrew Cushman. Joseph Clark Esq. & Zebulon S. Caneby
John Borden. & Hyman Tibbels. Samuel Briggs.
Saml. Levi Pierce. John Benth. Daniel Allen.
Rowland Pierce. Deoniram Cushman. Joseph L. Shaw.
Jabez Smith. Elisha Clark Junr. Capt. Thos. Gorington.
Calvin Willson. Daniel Smith Junr.

Inspectors of the Alutue fish

Ebenezer Wilder. Inspectors at the Alutue mill
Levi Thomas &

Elephat. Oliver Junr. & Stone water
Elephat. (Boggett) &

Benajah Pierce & And. Weeks.
Edward Winslow &

Abraham Shaw. & Hannaford, Brooky
Peter Vaughan Jacksons Canal -

Capt. Abner Barrows. Jacob Barrows. Inspectors at
E. L. Lewis. Benjamin Thomas Barrows. the dep. pers. of
Co. Peter H. Pierce & Charles Goodwin the purchase
Then by vote approved in Meeting to the first Monday of
April. Next 12 O'clock. Attest. Silas Willson 1817

1817 Annual March Meeting for 1817. Continued

April 6. At S. Meeting voted to raise on the ratable polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough for the purpose of amending and repairing the highways and Bridges in S. Town the present year the Sum of \$3000.00 of three thousand Dollars. Apportionment to be made and bills committed to the several Surveyors and the money so raised to be expended in the same manner it was the last year.

At S. Meeting voted that Shorne shall not run at large the present year.

At S. Meeting voted that meat Cattle shall not run at large on the highways and Commons the present year unless it is such poor persons as in the opinion of the Selectmen are entitled to that privilege by their Certificate signed by the whole board of the Selectmen.

Then by vote approved in Meeting to the first Monday of April. Next 12 O'clock. Attest. Silas Willson 1817

1817 Jurymen for April Court & the year

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough April 6. 1817
Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the said court.
May. John Shaw & Wm. Lath. Eaton Junr. to serve at the C. C. of Common next to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth and at each Session through the year as Grand Jurors.
Also did appoint by drawing out of the box at the said court. Enos. Samuel Cobb & Capt. Saml. White to serve as Petit Jurors at S. Court next to be holden at Plymouth on the second Monday of April instant.

Attest. Silas Willson 1817

1819 Governor & Senators

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Senators held on the fifth day of April 1819 being the first Monday in 3rd month for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Senators of this Commonwealth and two Senators or Counsellors for the County of Plymouth. Votes for the following Persons were given in Secret according to declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed (viz) For—

Hon ^{ble} Benjamin W. Crowninshield	400	for Governor
Hon ^{ble} John Brooks	230	
Rev ^d Emerson Paine	1	
Hon ^{ble} Benjamin Austin	400	for Governor
Hon ^{ble} William Phillips	228	
William Edgely	1	
Isaac Norton	1	
Hon ^{ble} Thomas Weston	388	for Senators
Sarah Hobart Esq ^r	403	
Hon ^{ble} Ebenezer Gay	214	
Lechmaniah Edgely Esq ^r	213	
Bartholomew Brown Esq ^r	5	
John B. Thomas Esq ^r	2	
Hon ^{ble} Wilkes Wood	3	
Hon ^{ble} Charles Turner Jun ^r	1	
Hon ^{ble} William Baylies	1	
Seth Miller Jun ^r Esq ^r	1	
Samuel Halloway	1	

At the opening of the above Meeting was voted that the names for Governor and Lt Governor & Senators be borne on one General Ticket
Then P^{re} Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Silas Tallon Town Clerk

Town Meeting held April 5th 1819

April 5th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the fifth day of April 1819
By Order of the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled on the petition of Abel Kingman and others
The Selectmen proposed the following question to be taken by ballot by yeas and nays shall any other Town than the Town of Plymouth be established to be the Shire Town of the County of Plymouth
And there were three hundred & twenty seven yeas -- 327
and fifty five nays -- 55
The second question being taken by ballot what other Town shall be the Shire Town of said County and after counting and counting the votes it appeared that there were
For the County of the County seventy nine votes 79
For the Town of Middleborough thirty seven votes 37
For " of Plymouth four votes 4
For " of Halesjore two votes 2
For " of Plympton one vote 1

Then voted to choose a moderator by nomination
And Thomas Weston Esq^r being nominated was chosen Moderator of the following business viz

At P^{re} Meeting voted to pass over the third article in the warrant for P^{re} meeting
At P^{re} Meeting voted to choose an Agent for and in behalf of P^{re} Town to appear at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of April instant to answer upon an indictment against P^{re} Town for suffering a public highway leading from the dwelling house of Elijah Thomas to paper point furnace to be out of repair and by vote made choice of Capt^t Isaac Stevens Agent for the above purpose

At P^{re} Meeting voted that there be appropriated for the repair of the road leading from the house of Elijah Thomas to paper point furnace the sum of fifty Dollars and made choice of W^m Weston to be the expenditure of the money
So appropriated for road
Adjourned to next Town Meeting 20th Oct^r 1819 at 10th Silas Tallon Town Clerk

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Town Meeting April 5th 1819 by adjournment
 May 12th Town Meeting held April 5th 1819 being continued
 by adjournment to May 12th 1819 was then taken up
 agreeable to adjournment and the following done viz

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At S^d Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three
 to inquire into the Situation of the Several School
 Districts hereafter named (viz) Joseph Jackson District
 Do^r Asa Thompson District Samuel Sampson District
 Joseph Leonard District & Ephraim Leonard District
 and make such alterations as they in their Opinion
 shall think necessary and report at the adjournment
 of their Meeting and by Vote made Choice of the
 following Gentlemen (viz)

Seth Eaton Jun^r } Committee
 Thomas Weston Esq. }
 Gamaliel Rouseville }

At S^d Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable polls and
 Estates of the Inhabitants of School District N^o 23
 the Sum of two hundred and twenty five Dollars for
 the purpose of Building a School House in said
 District.

At S^d Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable polls and
 Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 the Sum of thirty six hundred Dollars for the purpose
 of defraying the necessary Charges arising in said
 Town the present year Assessment to be made and
 Bills committed to the Collector and paid in to the
 Treasury in the same way it was the last year
 then Adjourned Meeting to the next Town Meeting
 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

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Representation to the General Court
 May 12th At a Special meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
 of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote
 for Representatives in the Legislature of this Common-
 wealth being assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the
 12th Day of May 1819 for the Choice of a Representative
 to represent them in the General Court appointed to be
 convened and held at the State House in Boston on the last
 Wednesday of May Instant and during their Session and Session
 for the ensuing year -
 At S^d Meeting Voted to send one Representative to the
 General Court this year & no more -
 then proceeded to the Choice of same person to represent
 the Inhabitants of S^d Town the present year -
 And by Vote made Choice of
 Thomas Weston Esq. Representative
 Attest ... Silas Tillson Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 12th 1819

May 12th At a Special meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
 of Middleborough in Town Meeting assembled on Wednesday
 the 12th Day of May 1819 and the following business
 Done. Seth Eaton Jun^r Moderator
 At S^d Meeting Voted that the request of Isaac
 Cushman Jun^r Ichabod Reed & others be referred to the
 Selectmen to inquire into the Subject of their request and
 Report at the adjournment of this meeting -
 At S^d Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent for answering
 a Petition to defend a Suit brought by the Town of Duxbury
 Agent the Town of Middleborough for the Support of
 John Sullivan. And by Vote made Choice of
 Wilkes Wood Esq. Agent for the above purpose -
 At S^d meeting Voted and directed the Overseers of S^d Town
 to remit to Calvin Tillson the Taxes due against the real Estate
 of William Parker in S^d Town for 1816 & 1817 -
 Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee
 Chosen to settle with the Treasurer -
 Adjourned to next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P. M. Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1819 Annual March Meeting for 1819 by Adjournment

May 12th The Annual March Meeting being continued by Adjournment to May 12th 1819 was then taken up agreeable to the Adjournment and the following business done viz

- 1st Voted to allow and pay \$1500
- 2nd Voted to allow and pay \$1500
- 3rd Voted to allow and pay \$1500

Adj. S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen in paying out a road on the petition of Southward and others with this proviso that the owners of the land which the Town have to fence should the payment of fencing for one year from the first day of October next.

Adj. S. Meeting Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to deal out herring to such poor persons in S. Town as they in their opinion shall think entitled to receive fish from the Town gratis.

Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee chosen by the Town to settle with the Treasurer.

Then by vote adjourned S. Meeting to the next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P.M.

Juryman for August Court July 26th 1819

July 26th at a Meeting held at the four Corner Inn Middleboro for the draft and Selection of Jurors for August Court August 26th 1819.

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Seals direct John Vinton Esq. & Dr. Cephas Thompson to serve as petit Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the Second Monday of August next.

Attest Wm. T. Tilton Town Clerk

1819 Annual March Meeting for 1819 by Adjournment

Sept. 27th The Annual March for 1819 being continued by Adjournment to Monday Sept. 27th 1819 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done viz

- 1st Voted to allow and pay \$1500
- 2nd Voted to allow and pay \$1500
- 3rd Voted to allow and pay \$1500

Adj. S. Meeting Voted to choose an agent to take and Dispose of the privilege of taking the alder fish at quitters Brook and by vote made choice of Samuel Pichens Esq. agree then by vote agreed Samuel Pichens and by vote made choice of St. Elisha Haskell agent for the coming year to Dispose of S. privilege.

Adj. S. Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle accounts between the Town and their Treasurer and Report to the Town a Bill of the Treasury.

Then by vote made of the following Gentlemen

Spencer Esq. The Committee
Mr. Gamble Rouseville
Mr. Wilbur Wood Esq.

Adj. S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen in paying out a road with this proviso that the Selectmen enter on their report that there shall be no expense to the Town on the petition of Capt. Samuel Thompson and others provided that the Town of Halifax open a road to meet the above S. road.

Then by vote adjourned S. Meeting to the next Town Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.

1819 Jurymen for the Supreme Court Oct. 2nd 1819

Oct. 2nd at a Meeting held at the four Corner Inn Middleboro for the draft and Selection of Jurors for the Supreme Court October 2nd 1819.

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Seals direct Will Nelson and Joshua Haskins to serve as Grand Jurors at S. Court also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Seals direct William Nelson & Co. Ephraim Ward to serve as Jurors at S. Court to be holden at Plymouth on the Second Monday of October next.

Attest Wm. T. Tilton Town Clerk

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 1819 Town Meeting held May 12th 1819.
 Sept. 27th Town Meeting held May 12th 1819 being continued by Adjournment to Monday the 28th day of Sept. 1819. was then taken up and the following business done viz.

1. Mr. Seth Eaton Junr. Moderator
 A. 2. Meeting voted and accepted of the report of a Committee Chosen by the Town to settle a new School District in said Town which report is as follows viz.
 Sept. 27th 1819 your Committee beg leave to report. —
 That they think proper to annex to Joseph Jacksons District, Andrew Leonards Rhineas Watts the widows Pincella Wether Josiah Richman & Eleazer Richman.

Seth Eaton Junr.
 Gam. Rosenfield
 A. 3. Meeting voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen on the revision of School Districts N^o 16 & 17 in the Town of Middleborough which is as followeth viz.
 Agreeable to a vote of the Town of Middleborough at their last Annual May Meeting.

1. We the Subscribers Selectmen of said Town have inquired into the Situation of School Districts N^o 16 & 17 and report that it is expedient to make the following alterations viz. To cut off a new District from the above named District bounded West by the pond South by the Southwicks line of a Vack Clarks Junr. Farm and a line to be continued Eastward by to the Southwicks Corner of John Perry Farm and on the same course to black brook Eastwardly by Dr. black brook and School District N^o 32 and Northwardly by the Southwicks line of Elias Cushman and a line to run East from said Cushman South East Corner to said District N^o 32.
 Sept. 27th 1819.

William Nelson
 Honor Clark
 Seth Eaton Junr.
 There by Voted in Meeting was Disposed
 Attest Silvanus Miller Town Clerk

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 1819 Fall Meeting for 1819
 Sept. 27th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting Sept. 27th 1819 for the Purpose of transacting business for said Town &c.

1. Mr. Seth Eaton Junr. Moderator
 A. 1. Meeting voted to sell to the highest bidder the Privilege of taking the alvise fish at the several fishing Places in said Town as by Laws to take said fish the ensuing Season for taking said fish.

2. A. 2. Meeting by vote made choice of the following persons Stiversay men to be that the alvise fish have a sufficient Passage way up the stream and Dams through which said fish have to pass and to remove all obstructions to effect the same and by vote made choice of
 Capt. Henry Barrows
 St. Shabaz Wood
 & Mr. Seth Eaton Junr. Committee

3. A. 3. Meeting voted to choose a Committee three and authorized to contract on the best conditions they shall be able to obtain with some one or more persons who shall have suitable accommodations and who will in their opinion completely support and maintain all the paupers who are or shall become chargeable to said Town the ensuing year excepting those who shall be confined in Goal for debt who shall give Bonds to the Town Treasurer with two sufficient Sureties conditioned in the same manner the present Bonds to the Town are

And by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen viz.
 Seth Miller Junr Esq. Co. Peter H. Pierce The
 Oliver Pierce Elijah Shaw
 Es. Ephraim Ward Calvin Pratt Esq.
 Samuel Richman Esq. Martin K. H. Esq.
 Levi Pierce Esq.

Voted to pass over the eighth article in the warrant under the adjournment of this meeting
 Town Clerk

1819 Fall Meeting for 1819 brought over

At a meeting voted to choose an Agent for and in Behalf of the Town of Middleborough to defend a suit brought by the Town of Plymouth vs the Town of Middleborough for the support and maintenance of Abraham Raymonds and Family so far as it concerns the said Raymonds and Family. One by vote chose Chauncy Wilkes Wood Esq. Agent for the above purpose.

At a meeting voted to choose an Agent to examine the accounts between the Town and Ephraim Dunham relative to his past services for said Town and the expenses which have accrued for the support of the Family of said Dunham and report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting and chose Chauncy Wilkes Wood Esq. Agent.

Voted to adjourn the sale of the aluivie fishery until the March meeting next to be holden in Town.
Then by vote adjourned said meeting to the next Town Meeting 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest: Silas Willson Town Clerk

1819 Jurymen for November Court Nov. 8th 1819

At a meeting of the Selectmen and Town Clerks and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough November 8th 1819 Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs
St. John Benson & Jacob Bennett Esq. to serve as Petit Jurors at said Court to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the third Monday of Nov. Instant
Attest: Silas Willson Town Clerk

1820 Fall Meeting for 1819 by adjournment

March 3 The annual Fall meeting for 1819 being continued by adjournment to Monday March 5th 1820 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following

Business done viz Mr. Seth Eaton for Moderator

At a meeting voted that the aluivie fish be sold by the purchasers at fifty cents per hundred the ensuing season of taking said fish.

At a meeting voted to reconsider the vote which the Town voted to sell the fish at fifty cents per hundred the ensuing season.

At a meeting voted to reconsider the vote wherein the Town voted at a former meeting the privilege of taking said fish be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

At a meeting voted that the privilege of taking the aluivie fish at the several fishing places in said Town be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

At a meeting voted that the aluivie fish be sold by the purchasers the ensuing season of taking said fish not to exceed fifty cents per hundred.

Voted that the purchasers of the privilege of taking the aluivie fish shall be at the whole expense of inspection of said fish the present season.

At a meeting voted to sell each ware separately then voted to proceed immediately to the sale of said fish then by vote made Chauncy Wilkes Esq. Vendor Master to dispose of said privileges.

The fishing mill privilege sold to Col. Peter H. Pierce for the sum of two hundred & thirty dollars and 23¢.

The Old Stone ware sold to Col. Peter H. Pierce for the sum of two hundred & eighty dollars and 28¢.

Spawampseth brook sold to Col. Peter H. Pierce for the sum of forty dollars.

Whole amount \$581.00
Voted and accepted of Capt. Abner Barrows and Jacob Barrows as Commissioners to Col. Peter H. Pierce then adjourned said meeting to April Meeting 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest: Silas Willson Town Clerk

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1820 Annual March Meeting for 1820

March 6th } The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
the 6th day of March 1820 for the choice of Town
Officers and other business in the warrant for
the Meeting

Col. Peter H. Pierce Moderator
Silvanus Tilton Chosen Town Clerk
They proceeded to the choice of the Selectmen and
made choice of the following Gentlemen viz

Cap ^t . Samuel Thompson	Selectmen for the Year 1820
Seth Miller Jun ^r Esq ^r	
Cap ^t . Enoch Washburn	
M ^r . Abner Clark	
M ^r . Seth Eaton Jun ^r	

Assessors
Cap^t. Samuel Thompson
Seth Miller Jun^r Esq^r
Cap^t. Enoch Washburn
M^r. Abner Clark
M^r. Seth Eaton Jun^r
Chosen
Assessors for
the Year 1820

Treasurer
Voted to choose the Treasurer by Nomination and
Silvanus Tilton being nominated was Chosen.
Treasurer for the ensuing Year

Committee on Accounts

Abel Washburn	Committee on Accounts for Year 1820
Levi Pierce	
Calvin Pratt	
Wilkes Wood Esquires	
Wm. Branch Washburn	
Thomas Weston	
Hugh Montgomery Esq ^r	

Constables
Samuel Washburn Nath^l. Bump Ethan Pierce
Joseph Jackson Henry Jackson David Mow Jun^r

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1820 Annual March Meeting for 1820 Continued

Mar. 6th Surveyors of Highways

Deenas Thomas, Nathan Peden, Asaiah Thomas.
Stephen Washburn, Greenleaf Pratt, Simeon Washburn
Leba Eaton, John Washburn, Jeremiah Washburn
Seth Bryant, Abel Nelson, Gideon Southworth
Col. Ephraim Ward, David Wood, Earl Sears
Nathaniel Shurtliff, Abner Woods, Henry Thomas,
Thomas Soule, Nehabed Reed, William Shaw Jun^r.
Seth Murdoch, Andrew Alden, Ebenezer Stedbridge
Henry Pichon, George W. Washburn, Abner Clark
Jacob Barrows, Nathaniel Bump, Samuel Wood
Andrew Tucker, Joseph Clark Esq^r, Nath^l. Carville
Hosertill Bump, John Washburn, Cap^t. Daniel Smith
Levi Pierce, Oliver Shaw, Baryellai Eaton
Barnabas Perkins, Nelson Wood, Joseph Washburn
Josiah Freeman, Abner I. Clark, The^l. Covington
Job Seear, James Gammons

At the Meeting Voted to raise on the ratable polls
and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Middleborough the sum of three thousand
3000⁰⁰ Dollars for the express purpose of amending & repairing
the highways and bridges in the Town the present
Year & the Surveyors to be made and bills committed
to the Surveyors and expended in the same way it was
the last Year

Inspectors of the Abusive Fish
Jacob Barrows, Abner Barrows, Silas Barrows
Thomas Barrows, Peter Vaughan, Josiah Washburn
Abner Wood, Beland Washburn, Sison Wood

Surveyors of Lumber
Levi Washburn, Nathaniel Bump, Silas Pichon
Matthew Keithen, James Wood, James Sprout
Calvin Pratt Esq^r, Calvin Murdoch, Eben. Pichon

1820 Annual Meeting for 1820

March 6th Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

Freeman Cole, Nathan Washburn, Samuel Cole
Nath^l Macomber, Thomas Clark, East Allen
Rowland Pierce, Elijah Alden, Thomas Pratts
Silas Briggs, Silas Thomas, Ezekiel Turner
Nathaniel Barrows, Abraham Shaw, George Thompson
Abiel Booth, East Sears, Ethan Reed, Benjamin
Richmond

Pythingmen

Thomas Pratts, Humphrey Alden, James Hall.
Leathrop Sewer, Seth Middleton, Benjⁿ Richmond
Nath^l Timbham, Daniel Savory, Solomon White
Capt. Nelson Thomas

Haystackers

Joseph Barton, Noah Clark, Samuel Reed
Daniel Tucker, Beryllai Eaton, Nath^l Shuttleff
Leonard Elmer, Joshua Eddy, Abiel Booth
Ezra Burr, Gaggshale, James Cole, James Thomas
Theophilus Leonard, Lebulon Pratts, Isaac Pratts
Abiel Pierce, Job Lucas

Horseracers

Joseph Leonard, Alfred Eaton, Samuel Leonard
William Clark

Round keeper James Spradley

At a Meeting Voted that meat, Cattle, Shattuck, run
at large on the highways and commons the ensuing
year.

At the Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five
to deal and hearings to such poor persons as in their opinion
are entitled to receive alms from the Town
(and by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen)

Levi Pierce Esq.
Homer Clark
Stephen Haskins
Simon Backus
William Nelson

The Committee

1820 Annual Meeting for 1820 March 6th

At a Meeting Voted that the Selectmen of said
Town be a Committee to take into consideration the
expediency of setting off Josiah & Eleazer Richmond
from the School District to which they now belong and
annexing them to School District No. 22 in said Town
and report at the adjournment of this meeting

At the Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three
to take under consideration the propriety of setting off
John Perry, Rowland G. Gammon, Isaac Perry and
John S. Barron from the School District to which they
now belong and annexing them to School District
No. 17 in said Town agreeable to their request and also
to take under consideration the request of Jonathan
Pierce wishing to be set off from School District
No. 10. and annex him to School District No. 13 in said
Town and make a report of their doings to the Town
at the adjournment of this meeting
And by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen

Mr Samuel Cobb
Hajⁿ Branch Haskins
Capt. Nelson Thomas

The Committee

Then by vote adjourned to Meeting to the first Monday
of April next at 10 o'clock P.M.

Attest S. T. Tilton Town Clerk

1820 Jurymen for April Court and the Year

At a Meeting Voted and set off
at the Town House in Middlebury March 27th 1820
Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the
Box as the Spars elitch Benjamin Coombs and
Abiel J. Clarke to serve as Grand Jurors at the
Court to be held at Plymouth
within and for the County of Plymouth and at East
Superior of said Court through the year
Did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Spars
Direct David Richmond Esq. & Capt. Nath^l Eddy
to serve as Petit Jurors at the Court to be held at
Plymouth on the Second
Monday of April next Attest S. T. Tilton Town Clerk

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1820 Governor & Governor & Senators

April 3rd A Special Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Governor & Senators held on the third day of April 1820 being the first Monday in April for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor & Governor of this Commonwealth and two Senators or Councilors for the County of Plymouth votes for the following persons were given in closed and counted and declaration therefor as by the Constitution is directed (viz)

	Votes	
Hon ^{ble} John Brock	213	for Governor
Hon ^{ble} William Ewings	293	
Hon ^{ble} Thomas Weston	1	
Benjamin Easton	4	
Hon ^{ble} William Phillips	213	for Gov Governor
Hon ^{ble} Benjamin Austin	297	
Hon ^{ble} Aaron Hobart	1	
Hon ^{ble} Aaron Hobart	297	for Senators
Hon ^{ble} Thomas Weston	280	
Col ^l John Thomas	188	
W ^m Bourne Esq ^r	209	
Bartholomew Brown Esq ^r	25	
Benj ⁿ Ellis Esq ^r	2	
Col ^l John Brock	1	
Col ^l John B. Thomas	1	
Hon ^{ble} Seth Sprague	1	
Seth Miller Jun ^r Esq ^r	2	
Lebanah Eddy Esq ^r	1	

Attest: S^{er} J. L. in Jan 1820

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A Town Meeting April 3rd 1820

April 3rd The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 3rd day of April 1820 and the following business done:—

Col^l Peter H. Perce Moderator
 A^d the Meeting gave in their votes for a County Treasurer for the County of Plymouth
 Peter Propster Cotton of Plymth twenty votes 20
 A^d the Meeting voted to raise on the ratable Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough the sum of three thousand and five hundred Dollars for the Express purpose of defraying the necessary charges arising in said Town the present year
 Assessment to be made and committed to the Collector and paid in to the Treasury in the same way it was the last year that is to say to be paid into the Treasury by the first day of January 1821.

Then adjourned said Meeting to may meeting next to be holden at their Town House in said Town 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest: S^{er} J. L. in Jan 1820

1820 Jurymen for the adjournment of the Supreme Court

At a Meeting legally notified and held at the Town House in the Town of Middleborough March 27th 1820 for the appointment of Jurors to serve at the adjournment of the Supreme Court
 Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the Box as the said writ hath directed
 Oliver Wood, and
 Horatio G. Wood, to serve as Jurors at the Supreme Court next to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of April next.

Attest: S^{er} J. L. in Jan 1820

1820 Annual March Meeting for 1820

April 3^d The Annual March Meeting for 1820 being continued by adjournment to Monday April 5th 1820 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done viz

Co. Peter H. Pierce Moderator

At S. Meeting Voted to choose two inspectors of the division fish in the Town of Middleborough at the expense of the purchasers and made choice of

Owen H. Alder & Daniel Warren their inspectors

By Vote made choice of Abraham Phair inspector of the swampy brook the ensuing season at the Town expense

School Agents

Francis Mudge N ^o 1	Capt. Abner Barrows N ^o 18
Anson Raymond N ^o 2	Samuel Sampson N ^o 19
Alfred Wood N ^o 3	Elijah Wood Jr. N ^o 20
Genl. Abel Washburn N ^o 4	Bela Knigman N ^o 21
Bradford Harlow N ^o 5	Joseph Leonard N ^o 22
John C. Hancock N ^o 6	Andrew Weston N ^o 23
Stephen Tillson N ^o 7	Nathl. Thompson N ^o 24
Lewis Cobb N ^o 8	Abel Nelson N ^o 25
Winstons Thomas N ^o 9	George Williams N ^o 26
Amel Benson N ^o 10	Abner Clatch N ^o 27
Capt. Nelson Thomas N ^o 11	Lebunon S. Canedy N ^o 28
Eben ^r Ashham N ^o 12	Asah Ashley Jr. N ^o 29
Rowland Pierce N ^o 13	Asa Holloway N ^o 30
Silas Thomas N ^o 14	Suthen Washburn N ^o 31
Josh Barden N ^o 15	Martin Keith Esq ^r N ^o 32
Eph ^r Harlow N ^o 16	Samuel Mott N ^o 33
Abshai J. Clarke N ^o 17	

At S. Meeting by Vote made choice of Abner Barrows as the only thing man

At S. Meeting Voted and Exposed Freeman Cole from serving for a year & field driver and by Vote made choice of Saml. Raymond from driver & field driver

At S. Meeting Voted and Exposed Capt. Daniel Washburn from serving as Surveyor of highways and made choice of Enock Weston Surveyor

1820 Annual March Meeting for 1820 Continued

April 3^d At S. Meeting Voted and Exposed Capt. Thomas Covington from serving as Surveyor of highways and by Vote made choice of Bradford Harlow Surveyor of highways

At S. Meeting Voted and made choice of the following Gentlemen a Committee to settle the accounts between the Town and their Treasurer and report a statement of the Treasury

Thomas Weston
Wm. Boutwell
& David Pierce Esq^r Committee

At S. Meeting Voted to allow and pay their Treasurer for receiving and paying out the Town money for the year ending on March 1820 the sum of Eighteen Dollars for that service

\$18.00 Paid

At S. Meeting Voted to sell at public auction to the highest bidder the collection of the public money to be stored in the said Town the present year

Then proceeded to the sale of S. Collection and by Vote made choice of Co. Peter H. Pierce Vendue master to dispose of S. Collection

And Joseph Jackson being the lowest bidder the S. Collection was struck off to him the said Joseph Jackson for two and one half N. cent on the sum which he has to collect for said Town

Voted and accepted of Wilkes Wood Esq^r and Gamal Rounsville as bondsmen to the said Joseph Jackson

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee appointed to settle with their Treasurer

At S. Meeting Voted that the report of the Committee appointed to take under consideration the consideration of Jonathan Pierce be rejected

At S. Meeting Voted and Exposed Stephen Harlow from serving as Surveyor of highways and by Vote made choice of Simon Sull Surveyor of highways

Then by Vote adjourned S. Meeting to next Meeting 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest
Stephen Tillson

1820 Annual March Meeting for 1820

May 17-3 The Annual March Meeting for 1820 being continued by adjournment to Wednesday May 17th 1820 was then taken up agreeable to the adjournment and the following Business done (viz)

1. C. S. S. Select H. Pierce Moderator
 At S. Meeting Voted and accepted to be recorded the report of the Selectmen in saying out a road on the Petition of John Perry and Others.

At S. Meeting Voted not to accept of the report of the Selectmen in saying out a highway on the Petition of James Soule & Others.

At S. Meeting Voted and reconsidered the above Vote and to accept of the report of the Selectmen in saying out a road on the petition of James Soule & Others.

At S. Meeting Voted not to accept of the report of the Committee appointed by the Town to take under consideration the request of John Perry and Others.

At S. Meeting Voted to set off John Perry Isaac Perry John S. Barron and Rowland E. Cammerson from the School district to which they now belong and annex them to School district N^o 14.

At S. Meeting Voted and reconsidered the Vote wherein the Town Voted to set off John Perry and Others from the School District to which they now belong and annex them to School District N^o 17 and that the further consideration of the request of John Perry & Others be referred to the Selectmen of S. Town on that Subject.

At S. Meeting Voted to set off Jonathan Pierce with his Estate and School district N^o 10 and annex them to School District N^o 13 in the Town of Middleborough. Then adjourned S. Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be holden in S. Town at 2 O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1820 Fall Meeting for 1819 by Adjournment

May 17th The Annual Fall Meeting for 1819 being continued by adjournment to Wednesday May 17th 1820 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following Business done (viz)

1. At S. Meeting Voted not to reconsider the Vote wherein the Town Voted to appropriate the proceeds of the alms fish for the purpose of building an Alms house.

At S. Meeting Voted that the further consideration of a Settlement with Ephraim Dunham be referred to the Overseers of the poor of the Town of Middleboro' and that they be requested to make suitable & comfortable Support for the said Ephraim & that to put him into the Poor house.

Then by Vote Dissolved S. Meeting
 Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1820 Jurymen for August Court

At a meeting legally notified and held at the House of the Notary Public in Middleboro' August 5th 1820. Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs Levi Tinkham and Carl Sears to serve as Petit Jurors at the Court of Common Pleas Nisi to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of August Instant.

Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

1820 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

At a meeting of the Selectmen and Townsman held at the dwelling house of Seth Miller Esq. Sept. 30th 1820. Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs Seth Miller Esq. and Capt. James Washburn to serve as Grand Jurors at the Court and also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs Maj. Levi Pierce & Gen. Abel Washburn to serve as Jurors from the Supreme Court to be holden at Plymouth.

Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

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1820. Town Meeting August 21st 1820

Aug. 21st A Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 21st day of August 1820 for the purpose of giving in their votes on this question is it expedient that Delegates should be chosen to meet in Convention to revise or alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

And there were for the measure 117 Votes
And against the measure 66 Votes

And then the meeting was Dissolved

Attest Silas Tibbels Town Clerk

1820. Town Meeting October 16th 1820

Oct. 16th A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth qualified by the Constitution of this Commonwealth to vote for Representatives in the General Court, held on Monday the sixteenth day of October 1820 being the third Monday in October for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States. Votes for the following persons were given in said Court and declaration thereof made as by Law directed (viz)

For Hon. Aaron Hobart 162 Votes
Hon. William Baylies 71 Votes

Attest Silas Tibbels Town Clerk

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1820. Town Meeting October 16th 1820

Oct. 16th A Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives in the General Court, held on Monday the sixteenth day of October 1820 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Delegates to meet with Delegates from other Towns in Convention to revise or alter the Constitution of the Government of this Commonwealth.

And then the Meeting was Dissolved

Attest Silas Tibbels Town Clerk

Oct. 16th A Meeting Voted to Choose five Delegates for the above purpose and then by vote made choice of the following Gentlemen for their Delegates (viz)

John Tinkham	Delegates
Levi Pierce	
Samuel Pichew	
Thomas Weston	
Walter Miller Junr. Esquire	

1820. Jurymen for the Assizes of the Supreme Court

Oct. 20th A Meeting of the Selectmen and Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the Office of Capt. Isaac Stevens in said Town October 20th 1820 Did then and there appoint by Drawing out of the Box as the Law directs

Levi John Bent, and Col. Peter H. Pierce to serve as Jurors at the Assizes of the Supreme Court to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of November next

Attest Silas Tibbels Town Clerk

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387 Fall Meeting October 16th 1820

October 16th At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro, qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting being assembled on Monday Oct. 16th 1820 (and the following business done viz)

Wilkes Wood Esqr. Moderator

At a Meeting Voted to Chose a Committee of three to see that the Alewife fish have a sufficient passage way up the streams and dams through which fish have to pass the ensuing season and to remove all obstructions to effect the same and make choice of the following Persons viz

Capt. Abner Barrows }
St. John Wood } The
Mr. Seth Eaton Junr. } Committee

At a Meeting Voted to Chose a Committee of three to take under consideration the request of Stepheniah Thomas Praying the Town to grant him such a sum of Money as shall be thought reasonable in consequence of Inclosing a road over his land for which he has not been Remunerated for and report to the Town (and by Vote made Choice of the following Gent. viz)

Seth Miller Junr. }
Abel Wardburn } The
Wm Bourne Esquires } Committee

At a Meeting Voted to sell the privilege of taking the Alewife fish at the several fishing places in the Town to the highest Bidder for the year ensuing and Voted that the purchase of of fish shall sell them at fifty cents V. hundred and no more At a Meeting Voted to postpone the sale of fish until March meeting next

At a Meeting Voted to Chose a Committee of five and authorized to contract with some one or more persons on the best conditions they shall be able to obtain who shall have suitable Accomodations and who will in their opinion Corn fitably supply all the paupers belonging to the Town for one year commencing on the second Monday of April next to the second Monday of April 1822 and made choice of the following Gent. viz

Mr. Simon Barker, Wilkes Wood Esqr. }
Dr. Peter Thomas Col. Ephraim Ward } The

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388 Representative to Congress 1820

Nov. 6th At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough duly qualified by the Constitution to vote for a Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth held on Monday the 6th day of November being the first Monday of 3rd month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty Voted for the following persons to Represent the People in the Congress of the United States for the Plymouth District ever given and tested Counted and Declaration thereof Made as by the Constitution is directed which are as follows (viz)

For Hon. Varent Hobart of Hanover 326
" Hon. William Baylies Bridgewater 103

Also at the same time the votes of the Inhabitants were given in for Election of President & Vice President of the United States which is as follows (viz)

For Hon. William Gray	381	Elector
" Hon. Isaac Spooner	294	at
" Hon. William Phillips	93	Large
" Hon. Seth Sprague	294	Elector
" Hon. Joshua Thomas	93	Small

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro Nov. 6th 1820

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro Nov. 6th 1820 Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs Mr. Wm. Strickland and Mr. Thomas S. Leonard to serve as Judges for at the C. C. of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the first Monday of Nov. Instant 1820

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1820 Fall Meeting for 1820 by adjournment

Nov. 6th The Annual Fall Meeting for 1820 being continued by adjournment to Monday the 6th day of Nov. 1820 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done viz

✓ Voted Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator
✓ To lay out the road petitioned for by Wilkes Wood Esq. and others and make return

✓ Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to consult with the Town of Bridgewater or with their Selectmen respecting the petition of Solomon Leman and others which measures they shall think best to adopt.

✓ Voted and accepted of the report of a Committee chosen to take under consideration the Request of Ephraim Thomas which is as follows
Your Committee which were chosen to consider the Petition of Ephraim Thomas respecting a highway being located through his land have viewed and considered the same and do report that the said Ephraim shall receive eight Dollars in consequence of the location of a Highway October 24th 1820
S. M. Miller Junr. R. Orr

✓ Voted that the request of Noah Clark and others be referred to the Selectmen with authority to make such alterations in School District No. 17 as they think proper or remit or deduct as they formally were and report at the adjournment of this meeting

Then adjourned to the next Town meeting & Selectmen Wm. C. Allen, John T. Brown, J. W. Smith

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1820 Fall Meeting for 1820 by adjournment

Nov. 24th The Fall meeting for 1820 being continued by adjournment to Tuesday Nov. 24th 1820 was then taken up and the following business done viz

✓ Voted Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator
✓ Voted and accepted of the report of the Selectmen in dividing School District No. 17 which is as follows

The Subscribed Selectmen of Middleborough to whom was referred the request of Noah Clark Junr. and others respecting a division or alterations in School District No. 17 by a vote of the Town past Nov. 6th 1820.

Submit the following report viz

The Division which was made of S. District by a vote of the Town Sept. 27th 1819 be rescinded and

✓ Voted that in our opinion the School District No. 17 be divided as follows by a line beginning at the bridge over which long point Road leads thence easterly by the long point Road untill it unites with madman's Neck Road thence across the last mentioned Road to the south line of Job Shearmans land and to continue of flow the line of said Shearmans land to Black brook.

That part of said District in the South of said line be called No. 17 and that part of said District lying Northward of said line form a New District and be called No. 34.

And further it is our opinion that those families and Estates which have been recently set off from the waquoanuck District and annexed to the last mentioned District be set back as formally all which is Submitted.

Middleborough Nov. 24th 1820

Amos Clark
Saml. Thompson
Enoch Washburn

Adjourned to next Town Meeting 2 Octob. P. M.

Wm. C. Allen, John T. Brown, J. W. Smith

1820 Representative to Congress

Nov. 24th A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough duly qualified to vote for Representation in the General Court of this Commonwealth, held on Friday the 24th day of November 1820.

✓ Voted for the following persons to Represent the People in the Congress of the United States for the Plymouth District were given in Polls Counted and Declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is Directed which are as follows viz:

For Hon. Anon Hobbs of Haver	141
" Hon. Wilkes Wood of Middleboro	6
" H. Hugh Montgomery	1
" Charles F. Holmes Esq. Rochester	2

Wm. S. Tillson Sec.

1820 Fall Meeting for 1820 by adjournment

March 7th The Annual legal meeting being continued by adjournment for March 7th 1821 was taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following business done viz

✓ Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator

At said Meeting Voted the purchase of the alvies fish to be at the expense of the inspection of said fish Voted and made choice of David Pierce Auditor to dispose of the privilege of taking the alvies fish at the several fishing places in said Town the ensuing Season

✓ Voted will privilege sold to Capt. Nathan Bump for the sum of one hundred and seventy five Dollars \$175.00

✓ Voted there were sold to Samuel Harlow for the sum of 157.00 one hundred and fifty seven Dollars.

✓ Voted and made choice of Capt. Abner Barnes for Lib. & Bondsmen to the S. Nathan Bump

✓ Voted & accepted of Josiah Harlow & Ezra Harlow as Bondsmen to Sam. Harlow

✓ Voted and accepted of David Briggs & Reuben Foster as Bondsmen to Capt. Abner Barnes

✓ Voted & accepted of said Meeting Wm. S. Tillson Sec.

Annual March Meeting for 1821

March 7th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the 7th day of March 1821 for the choice of Town Officers and other business incident in the warrant for said Meeting viz

✓ Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator

✓ Silvanus Tillson Chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing

Then proceeded to the choice of the Selectmen and made choice of the following Gentl. viz

Capt. Samuel Thompson	Selectmen for the year 1821
Seth Miller Esq.	
Capt. Enock Washins	
Sr. Abner Clark	
Mr. Seth Eaton Junr.	

✓ Capt. Sam. Thompson

✓ Seth Miller Esq.

✓ Capt. Enock Washins

✓ Sr. Abner Clark

✓ Mr. Seth Eaton Junr.

Chosen Assessors for 1821

✓ Treasurer

✓ Voted to chose the Treasurer by nomination and Silvanus Tillson being nominated was chosen Treasurer of said Town for the ensuing year

Committee on Acc't.

Genl. Abel Washburn	Committee on Accounts for the year 1821
Maj. David Pierce	
Mr. Isaac Pruthi	
Wilkes Wood Esq.	
Martin West Esq.	
Thomas Weston Esq.	
Mr. Hugh Montgomery	

✓ Constables

✓ Samuel Harlow, Capt. Nathan Bump, Capt. Ethan Pierce, Souhe Reed, Henry Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Liba Eaton

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Annual March Meeting for 1821 brought Over
March 7th Surveyors of Highways

Major Branch Harlow, Nathan Rider, Isaac Cobb,
Elias Cushman, Greenleaf Pratt, William Drake,
Martin White, Enos Parris, Jeremiah Tinkham,
Seth Bryant, Abel Nelson, Nath^l Macomber,
Co^l Ephraim Ward, David Wood, Earl Sears,
Nath^l Shuttle, Abigail Wood, Benjⁿ Robbins,
Thomas Soule, Jehabed Reed, Alfred Shaw,
Southern Murdock, Capt. Seth Keith, Eben^l Strobridge,
Anson Pierce, Stephen Harlow, Viner Clark,
Jacob Barrows, Nath^l Bump, Ellis Harlow,
Andrew Tucker, Eben^l Eddy, Nath^l Canwell,
Benjamin Wood, Joseph Standish, Capt. Dan^l Smith,
Thomas Clark, Oliver Shaw, Joshua Shaw, Jun^r,
Josiah Barrows, Nelson Wood, Edward Richmond,
Josiah Freeman, Abigail S. Clark, Tho^s Covington,
Job Soule, John Benson, Tisdal, Spineck

Surveyors of Scaumb

Levi Tinkham, Capt. Nath^l Bump, Silas Tinkham,
Martin Keith, Capt. Lenas Wood, James Sprague,
Belah Kingman, Calvin Murdock, Capt. Eben^l Tinkham

Honey Viewers and Jete Drivers

Joshua Eddy, Jun^r, Esq^r, Samuel Morton, Daniel Allen,
Nath^l Macomber, Thomas Clark, Ira Barrows,
Calib Mayham, Jun^r, Jeremiah Keith, Jun^r, Jacob Barrows,
Capt. Daniel Smith, Silas Thomas, Ezekiel Turner,
Nathan Shearman, Silas Tinkham, George Thompson,
Abel P. Booth, Nath^l Ashley, Capt. Ethan Pierce,
Capt. Nelson Thomas, Benjⁿ Richmond, Caleb Allen,
David A. Vaughan

Nothing men

Calvin Tilton, Humphrey, Wm James Hall,
Leathrop Lewis, Vetter Miller, Jun^r, Benjamin Richmond,
Nathaniel Tinkham, Capt. Pelham Thayer,
Solomon White, Capt. Nelson Thomas

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Hogreaves

Joseph Bardin, Noah Clark Esq^r, Samuel Reed,
Daniel Tucker, John Shaw, Jun^r, Hervey C. Thomas,
Jacob Bennett, Bennett Dashing, Silas Tinkham,
Isaac Cushman, James Cole, Amos Raymond,
Samuel Miller, Abner Edson, Charles Goodwin,
Freeman Pierce, Job Soule, Levi Reed

Hogreaves

Manfred Robbins, Jehabed Thomas, Jonathan Leonard,
Abel Booth

Pound Keeper

James Sprague pound keeper

School Agents

Consider Fuller 1	Abigail S. Clark 17
John Freeman 2	Co ^l Peter H. Poir 18
Jacob Barrows 3	Levi Murdock 19
Thomas Weston Esq ^r 4	Egbert Washburn 20
George Wood 5	Belah Kingman 21
Ruel Thompson 6	Jeremiah Tinkham 22
Venice Thomas 7	Capt. Elias Washburn 23
Levi Cobb 8	Nathanul Thompson 24
John Birt 9	Abel Nelson 25
Israel Smith Jun ^r 10	George Williams 26
Eli Wood 11	Abner Clark 27
Richard Clark 12	Abel P. Booth 28
Jonathan Cobb 13	Bradock Har 30
Amos Thomas 14	Gershom Foster 31
Daniel Wood 15	Ira Barrows 32
Peter Vaughan 16	Enos Eaton 33
	Jehabed Reed 34
	Nath ^l Ashley 39

At said Meeting Voted to raise on the Rateable poll tax
of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
the sum of three thousand dollars for the purpose of
improving and repairing the highways and bridges the
said Town the present year (if possible) to be raised and
expended in the same manner as was the last
year

1821 Annual March Meeting brought over
March 1st Committee to settle with the Treas.

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee to
settle accounts between the Town & their Treasurer
and report a State of the Treasury and made choice
of the following Gentlⁿ viz

Genl. Abel Washburn } The
Ezra Gamble Rounselle } Committee
Moses Levi Pierce

At said Meeting Voted to sell at public Auction to the
lowest bidder the Collection of the public money to be
assessed in said Town the present year and by vote
made choice of Gamaliel Rounselle Auctioneer to
dispose of said Collection

At said Meeting Voted to allow their Treasurer for
receiving in and paying out the Town money for the
present year ending in March 1821 Eighteen Dollars - \$18.00 Paid

At said Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of
the Selectmen in laying out a highway agreeable to a
previous vote of the Town for that purpose

Voted to Choose a Committee of three to confer with
Daniel Wood for damages by him sustained in laying out
said road and made choice of the following Gentlⁿ

John Simpkins } The
M^r Seth Eaton Jun^r } Committee
M^r John Barren

At said Meeting Voted to pass over the Eleventh article
in the warrant for this meeting

Voted that Neat Cattle shall run at large on the highway
and Commons the present year except such persons as shall
obtain a Special Certificate from the Selectmen for that purpose

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five
to deal out herring to such poor persons as in their
opinion are entitled to receive alms from the Town
and made choice of the following Gentlⁿ viz

M^r Levi Pierce } The
Abner Clark } Committee
Elijah Shaw
Isaac Pratt
Wm Nelson

1821 Annual March Meeting for 1821 Continued

At said Meeting Voted to pass over the fourteenth article in
the warrant for this meeting also the fifteenth article
in said warrant Voted to adjourn this meeting for one
hour said Meeting being taken up agreeable to adjournment
and then proceeded to the sale of the public money to
be collected in said Town the present year
and Isaac Eaton being the lowest bidder the said Auctioneer
declared the Collection of said money to be sold to him the
said Isaac Eaton for one and a half per cent on the sum
which said Eaton has to collect for said Town

Voted and accepted of Joseph Clark & Edward Cole
as Bondsmen for the said Isaac Eaton for his faithful
Performance in Collecting said money

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three
to confer with Daniel Wood in consequence of wanting
a Road over his land and report at the adjournment
of this Meeting and made choice of the following
Gentlemen viz

John Simpkins } The
Abel Washburn } Committee
Thomas Weston Esq^r

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five
to take into consideration what measures are in their opinion
best for the Town to adopt relative to building the bridge over
the River near the Town House and also the bridge over
the River near Capt. Covingtons and report at the
adjournment of this meeting and by vote made choice
of the following Gentlⁿ viz

Mr Thomas Sturtevant } The
M^r Seth Eaton Jun^r } Committee
Seth Miller Jun^r Esq^r
Joshua Cady Jun^r Esq^r
Abel Washburn Esq^r

Also At said Meeting Voted that the Committee chosen in
bridge be instructed to take under consideration the circumstances
relative to making the road laid out on the petition
of Israel Richmond and others and report at the adjournment
of this meeting

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1821 Annual March Meeting for 1821 brought over

March 7th At said Meeting Voted to have two Inspectors of the Alewife fishery in the Town of Middleboro' and that they receive no other compensation from said Town only to have what fines they shall collect for any breaches of Law respecting the Alewife fishery and made choice of the following persons: (over)

Capt. Abel Thomas & The Inspectors
& Geo. Thos. Mustersant

At said Meeting Voted to discharge the Committee chosen to confer with Daniel Wood in consequence of executing a deed over his Land and to allow & pay him \$22.50 Twenty two Dollars & fifty cents instead of the sum reported by the Selectmen which sum of twenty two Dollars and fifty cents Mr. Wood agreed to accept.
Then by Vote adjourned to Meeting to next Town Meeting one A. Black P. M. Wm. S. Willson Town Clerk

1821 Annual March Meeting for 1821 by adjournment

Apr. 2nd The annual March meeting for 1821 being continued by adjournment to Monday April 2nd 1821 was taken up agreeable to the adjournment &c.

Then by Vote adjourned to Meeting to next Town Meeting one A. Black P. M. Wm. S. Willson Town Clerk
At said Meeting Voted and ordered Capt. Thos. Cavanaugh from serving a Surveyor of highways & make choice of freeholders
Thompson Gardner & Chosen
Voted & ordered George Thos. school agent and Chosen
Andrew Tucker school agent. Exposed James Sprout for Pound keeper & Chosen James W. Leonard Pauline Decker
Voted & ordered Wm. Robb from serving Surveyor of highways and Chosen Smith Chosen. Capt. S. H. Smith
Exposed from serving Surveyor of highways & Chosen Richmond Chosen
Samuel Cole 2nd Chosen from Tinsler & field driver
Levi Reed Exposed from Hogreaver & Chosen Bunker Chosen
At said Meeting Voted to choose three Inspectors of the Alewife fish without expense to the Town and made choice of
Capt. Nathan Bump. Alira Hubbard George Woss
Joseph Barber. Wm. Thos. Washburne Saml. Hasted
Cyra Washburne Capt. Wm. Barrows Jacob Briggs
Agreed to the next Town Meeting to be held at this place
Levi Purvis Town Clerk

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1821 Governor & Senators

Apr. 2nd At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Senate Governor and Senators taken on their second day of April 1821 being the first Monday in the month for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Senators of the Commonwealth and two Senators or Representatives for the County of Plymouth & also for the following persons were given in counted and declared by Declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed viz. For

Hon. John Brooks Esq.	180	For Governor
Hon. William Eastee Esq.	255	
William Drake	2	
Hon. Levi Spruce Esq.	257	For Lt. Governor
Hon. William Phillips Esq.	180	
Nathan Gurney Esq.	258	For Senators
Benjamin Ellis Esq.	162	
Samuel Mitchell Esq.	73	
Hon. William Bourne Esq.	213	
Hon. John Thomas Esq.	168	
Nathan Mitchell Esq.	1	
Bartholomew Brown Esq.	1	
John Tinkham Esq.	1	
Wm. S. Willson	1	
Levi Purvis	1	

At said Meeting Voted and ordered
1821 J. Wymen for April Court and for the year
Apr. 2nd At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives being assembled in Town Meeting April 2nd 1821
Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs. Edward Cole & Hugh Montgomery to serve as Grand Jurors at the C. C. of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth and at each session of said Court through the year and also did appoint by drawing out of the box as the Law directs Levi Solomon Thompson and Samuel Richards as petit Jurors to serve at the C. C. of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on the first Monday of April instant
Wm. S. Willson Town Clerk

1821 Town Meeting April 2^d 1821

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meeting being assembled on Monday the second day of April 1821 and the following business done viz

- Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator
 Town County Register for the County of Plym.
 Rosseter Cotton Esq. 43 Votes for register of Deeds
 County Treasurer for the County of Plym.
 Rosseter Cotton Esq. 37 Votes for Treasurer

At a Meeting Voted to Choose an Agent to attend to an Indictment found against the Town of Middleborough at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in August last for suffering the road between Jesse Maxhams and Thos. Washburn to be out of Repair and made Choice of Capt. Isaac Stevens Agent for the above purpose.

At a Meeting Voted to set off Job Parris from School District called the McCallly District and annex him to the Beach Woods District so called.
 Voted to Choose a Committee for dividing School District No. 22 and made Choice of the following persons viz

Benjamin Richmond
 Samuel Miller
 Amos Washburn
 Wm. Bourne Esq.
 Ephraim Seach
 The Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town Meeting.

Town Meeting held April 2^d 1821 being continued by adjournment to October 10th 1821 as at their adjournment agreeable to the adjournment and the following business done viz

Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator
 And then by Vote Dissolved the Meeting

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1821 Town Meeting April 9th 1821 on the amendments of the Constitution of this Commonwealth

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to Vote for Senators or Representatives held on the second Monday of April A.D. 1821 pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention of Delegates assembled at Boston on the 15th of November 1820 for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

The Votes on the several amendments submitted by the Convention were as follows

Article first	Yeas	Nays
Article second	94	119
Article third	32	223
Article fourth	33	122
Article fifth	35	208
Article sixth	17	223
Article seventh	69	111
Article eighth	139	41
Article ninth	259	
Article tenth	21	149
Article eleventh		218
Article twelfth	178	6
Article thirteenth	12	210
Article fourteenth	251	
Article fifteenth	63	143

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1821 Annual March Meeting for 1821 by adj.

At a Meeting of the Annual March Meeting for 1821 being continued by adjournment to Monday April 9th 1821 was then taken up and the following business done viz

Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator
 At a Meeting by Vote made Choice of Joshua Washburn School Agent for School District No. 38.

At a Meeting Voted and Examined and approved from Surveying Surveyor of Highways and made Choice of Jonas Cushman & Surveyor of Highways.

Then by Vote adjourned the Meeting to next Town Meeting 20th of Oct. 1821.

Attest Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1821 Town Meeting April 2^d 1821 by adjournment
 Apr 7th A Town Meeting held April 2^d 1821 being continued
 by adjournment to Monday April 9th was then taken up
 and the following business done (viz)

1. Voted Isaac Stevens Moderator
 2. Voted and accepted of the report of a
 Committee appointed by the Town to divide School
 District N^o 22 in the Town of Middleboro: - also
 Voted to set off John Richmond and Stephen Cornish
 with their polls & Estate as recommended in the report of
 said Committee - which report is as follows (viz)
 The Subscribers a Committee appointed for the purpose at a
 Town Meeting held on at Middleboro: April 2^d 1821 -
 To view School District N^o 22 in said Town & report the
 Expediency of dividing said District - Do report that it
 is Expedient to divide said District in the following manner
 (viz) Beginning in the line of Elisha Tinkham's and
 John Richmond & Stephen Cornish's land near the
 County line of Plymouth & Bristol thence running
 Easterly till it comes to land of Jeremiah Tinkham thence
 on E. Tinkham and said Richmond & Cornish's line till it
 comes to land of Thos. Leonard & Benjⁿ Richmond
 thence Easterly in line of Thos. Leonard & Richmond thence
 crossing said Leonard in the same course and of the width
 three shaws till it comes to the pond bridge on the
 Turnpike from thence nearly in the same course
 till it comes to the parish line which was the
 former bound of said District. The North District to
 be hereafter known by the name of N^o 22 and the
 South District by the name of N^o 25 as above divided
 We recommend that John Richmond & Stephen
 Cornish be set off to the North District or District
 N^o 22 as above described all which was submitted

Benjamin Richmond
 Samuel Miller
 Andrew Washins
 W^m Bourne
 Ephraim Grealy

Then Adjourned said meeting to next Town Meeting
 Two O'clock P. M.
 Attest Silas Pelham Town Clerk

1821 Representative to the General Court
 May 9th Voted a Special meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town
 of Middleborough qualified by the Constitution to vote
 for Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth
 to be assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday
 the ninth day of April 1821 for the choice of
 a Representative to represent them in the General
 Court appointed to be convened and held at the State
 House in Boston on the last Wednesday of May
 Instantly so during their Session or Sessions during
 through the year.

At said Meeting Voted to send one Representative
 to the General Court and no more
 Then proceeded to the choice of some person to
 so Represent the Inhabitants of said Town the ensuing
 year - Then by Vote made choice of
 Martin Keith Esq. Representative
 Attest Silas Pelham Town Clerk

1821 Town Meeting April 2^d 1821 by adjournment
 May 7th A Town Meeting held April 2^d 1821 being continued
 by adjournment to May the ninth 1821 was then
 taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following
 Business done (viz)

1. Voted Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator
 2. Voted and accepted of the report of the
 Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 \$3500.00 the sum of three thousand & five hundred Dollars
 for the express purpose of defraying the necessary
 Charges arising in said Town the present year
 Appearments to be made and bills committed to the
 collector and paid in to the Treasury in the same
 way it was the last year.

At said Meeting Voted and accepted of the
 Report of the Committee appointed by said Town to
 settle accounts between the Town and their Treasurer
 Then by Vote adjourned said Meeting to next Town
 Meeting at O'clock P. M.

Attest Silas Pelham Town Clerk

1821 Town Meeting held May 9th 1821

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the 9th day of May 1821 and the following business done (viz)

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three to inquire into the circumstances relative to the loss of a Horse by Robert Sh. Esq. at Pratt's bridge and report at the adjournment of this meeting. And by vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen

Thomas Weston

William Bourne

& Joseph Eddy Esquires Committee

Also at said Meeting Voted and directed the said Committee to inquire into the State of the Bridge at Pratt's Dam at the time the occurrence took place whether it was by reason of the bridge being out of repair at that time and if it was where the Surveyor had done his Duty, or from any other Cause and who in your Opinion are liable to pay for the loss of a horse

At said Meeting a motion being to appropriate the money appropriated for the use of schools on the Schoolers in each School District and there being 66 Votes in favour of the Motion and Seventy one Votes Against this motion So the motion was lost.

Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant for this meeting.

At said Meeting Voted and directed the Selectmen to make inquiry into the request of Levi Hathaway & Capt. Simon Washburn requesting to be set off from School District No. 23 & annexed to School District No. 22 and report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Then by vote adjourned this meeting to next Town Meeting on October 1st 1821.

Attest, Silas Tilton Town Clerk

1821 Annual March Meeting for 1821 by adjournment

May 9th The Annual March Meeting for 1821 being adjourned by adjournment to Wednesday May 9th 1821 was then taken up agreeable to adjournment and the following Business done (viz)

Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator

At said Meeting Voted and accepted the report of the Selectmen in laying out a highway on the Petition of Joshua Eddy Jun. Esq. and Others.

Voted and Expensed Capt. Nathaniel Bump for Surveying a Surveyor of Highways and by vote made Choice of John Abel Washburn Surveyor of Highways.

At said Meeting Voted and accepted of the report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to adopt measures for building the Bridge over the river near the Town House & that near Capt. Covingtons which is as follows: That the Town Chose an Agent to Contract with some Person or persons to build the bridge across the river near the Town House and make the Town Chargeable for the same the districts making the road and Causeway on each side of the river.

Also that the Town Chose an Agent to Contract with some person or persons to build the Bridge and half of the Bridge across the river near Capt. Covingtons and Charge the Town with the same. The District making the Road & Causeway well to the river and that the Surveyor of the District on the road laid out on the petition of Isaac Richmond be directed to open and make the Road and that the Gentl^{men} Selectmen have regard to the same in forming the districts.

Middleboro May 9th 1821 Thos. J. Hurst Esq. P. R.

At said Meeting by vote made Choice of May. Wm. Bourne Agent for Building the Bridge over the river near the Town House. And also Made Choice of Capt. Thos. Covington Agent for Building the Bridge over the river near the house of said Covingtons.

Town Over

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1821 Annual Meeting brought over

Annual Meeting by adjournment brought over
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 Stevens in Middleborough August 1st 1821
 Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box
 as the Law directs Henry Strobridge and
 Capt. Thomas Covington to serve as Grand Jurors at the
 Court of Common Pleas next to be holden at
 Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth
 on the Second Monday of August instant
 Attest Wm. S. Tillson Town Clerk

The Committee Chosen by the Town of Middleborough to
 settle accounts with their Treasurer, having attained that
 Service Respect the following Statement
 1st we find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer \$ 8^{cts}
 2nd Due on Notes Tax to the Town 157⁷⁰
 From Capt. Joseph Curthman on Execution \$24⁹⁴
 " William Miller on Note dated 4th 1st 1821 15
 " Capt. Thos. Barrows & others " March 25th 1821 179⁶⁶
 " Joseph Jacksons balance of Tax for 1820 after
 deducting the percentage which will be due him on
 " Capt. Thos. Barrows & Sons for fish 1820 1229⁰⁰
 " For Sales of fish for the present year 1821 232⁵⁶
 " For Sales of fish for the present year 1821 356
 From Capt. Thomas Bennett (balance of paper 1818) 34
 " James Sprout " " " 1819 253
 3rd Debt Due from the Town to the following persons \$2172⁸²
 (viz) To Maria Hubbard 234⁰⁰
 " Benajah Pierce 14⁰⁰
 " Capt. Joseph Clarke 12⁰⁰
 " Nemasket W. Co. 85⁹¹
 " Philamir Washburn & Co. 75⁰²
 " Samuel Hartlow (a balance) 397¹⁸
 " Peter B. Pierce & Co. 29⁸²
 " John Southam Esqr 65
 The balance in favor of the Town is \$ 1504²⁴

1821 Jurymen for the Supreme Court

At a Meeting held at the Office of
 Capt. Isaac Stevens in Middleborough April 28th
 1821 Did then and there appoint by drawing out of
 the box as the Law directs Henry Strobridge
 and Wm. S. Tillson to serve as Grand Jurors at said
 Court and also did appoint by drawing out of
 the box as the Law directs Wm. Baruch Hartlow
 Martin Keith Esqr & Wm. Dorrel Richmond to serve as
 Travers Jurors at the Supreme Court next to be holden
 at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth
 on the third Tuesday of May next
 Attest Wm. S. Tillson Town Clerk

1821 Jurymen for August Court August 1st 1821

At a Meeting held at the Office of Capt. Isaac
 Stevens in Middleborough August 1st 1821
 Did then and there appoint by drawing out of the box
 as the Law directs Henry Strobridge and
 Capt. Thomas Covington to serve as Travers Jurors at the
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Middleborough May 9th 1821

All which is respectfully Submitted
 Levi June P. Order
 The above report accepted in Town Meeting
 May 9th 1821
 Wm. S. Tillson Town Clerk

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1821 Fall Meeting for 1821 Oct. 10

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting being assembled on Wednesday the 10th Day of October 1821 & the following business done

(v) 1. Seth Miller Junr Esqr. Moderator

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of nine to apportion the expenses in settling the Valuation which has been taken and to Choose one Committee man in each Constable District as formally.

Then Voted to reconsider the Vot wherein the Town voted to Choose one Committee man in each Constable District

Then Voted to Choose a Committee of Ten to apportion the Expenses in settling the Valuation which has been taken in the following manner viz two in Capt. Saml. Thompsons District three in Erg. Miller District two in Erg. Eaton District two in Mr. Clarkes District & one in Capt. Warkens District and by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz

Thomas Weston	The Committee
Joshua Eddy Junr	
Martin Keith	
Thos. Sturtevant	
Samuel Atkins Esquire	
Mr. John Benson	
Capt. S. M. Southworth	
Mr. Oliver Pierce	The Committee
Capt. Isaac Stevens	
Capt. Samuel White	

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three to see that the alwive fish have a sufficient passage way up the streams & dams through which a fish have to pass the ensuing season and to remove all obstruction to effect the same and made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz

Capt. Abner Barrows	The Committee
Thos. Weston	
Seth Eaton Junr Esquire	

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1821 Fall Meeting for 1821 Continue

At said Meeting Voted to sell by public auction to the highest bidder the privilege of taking the alwive fish the several fishing places in the Town that are established by Law for taking said fish the ensuing season on the same conditions and under the same regulations they were the last year

Then Voted to provide to the sale of a fish immediately Voted to Choose a Venue master to dispose of the privilege of the privilege of taking the alwive fish and made Choice of Isaac Pierce Esqr. Venue Master

Sliding mill privilege sold to Seth Eaton Junr Esqr. \$178.00

Old Stone ware sold to Capt. Abner Barrows for 128.00

Assawampseth Brook sold to Seth Eaton Junr Esqr. 40.00

\$346.00

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of five authorized to contract with some one or more persons on the best conditions they shall be able to obtain who shall have suitable accommodations and who will in their opinion comfortably support and maintain all the paupers belonging to said Town for the term of one year commencing on the second Monday of April next to the second Monday of April 1823 and made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz

Wilkes Wood	The Committee
John Finkham	
Martin Keith	
Seth Eaton Junr Esquire	
Col. Ephraim Ward	

Then by Vote Disposed said meeting
Attest Silas Tillson Town Clerk

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 Town Meeting held May 9th 1821 by adj^y
 Town Meeting held May 9th 1821 being continued
 by adjournment to the 15th Day of October 1821 was
 then taken up agreeable to adjournment on the following
 Business done viz

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 At a Meeting voted to pass over the fifth article
 the warrant for this meeting

At a Meeting voted and accepted of the report of the
 Committee appointed by the Town to take under
 consideration the sale of a horse the property of
 J. Holder & Hecum Esq. in so far as it respects the value
 of said horse

At a Meeting it being moved & seconded and voted
 to instruct the Committee aforesaid to settle with
 J. Holder & Hecum Esq. on the best possible terms they
 shall be able to obtain and to draw their order
 on the Treasurer for the payment of such a sum
 as they shall agree upon

Then adjourned to meeting to next Town Meeting
 at 8 O'clock P.M. Wm. S. L. Johnson Town Clerk

JURYMEN for November Court

At a Meeting held in the Selectmen room
 November 12th 1821

Did then and there appoint by drawing out of
 the box at the said room Capt. Southward Elliot
 and Capt. Enock Washburn, to serve as Travers
 Jurors at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas next
 to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County
 of Plymouth on the third Monday of November
 1821

Wm. S. L. Johnson Town Clerk

1822

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 Annual March Meeting for 1822
 March 2^d The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
 legally assembled at Town Meeting on Monday March
 2^d 1822 for the Choice of Town Officers and other business
 inserted in the warrant for said Meeting viz

Capt. Isaac Stevens Moderator
 Silvanus Tilton Chosen TOWN CLERK for the year ensuing
 Then proceeded by ballot for the Choice of Selectmen
 and made Choice of the following Gentlemen viz

Capt. Samuel Thompson
 Seth Miller Jun. Esq.
 Capt. Enock Washburn
 Dr. Abner Clark
 Seth Eaton Jun. Esq.

Selectmen
 for the
 Year 1822

Capt. Samuel Thompson
 Seth Miller Jun. Esq.
 Capt. Enock Washburn
 Dr. Abner Clark
 Seth Eaton Jun. Esq.

Assessors
 for the
 Year 1822

Treasurer

Voted to choose the Treasurer by Nominations and
 Silvanus Tilton being nominated was Chosen
 Treasurer for the present year

At a Meeting voted to postpone the choice of a
 Committee on Accounts to the adjournment of this
 Meeting

Constables

Darius Miller Rufus Allen Jun. Alexander Cady
 Luke Reed Harry Jackson Joseph Jackson
 Ezra Eaton Samuel M. Wood

1822

March 1st

Annual March Meeting for 1822 brought over

Surveyors of Highways

Isaac Cushman, Richard Clark, Nathl. Prider
 Sathrop Thomas, Stephen Hartness, Capt. Greenleaf Pratt
 Capt. Simeon Washburn, Frederick Leonard, George Perkins
 Dr. Benjn. Richmond, Capt. Nathl. Eddy, Abiel Nelson
 Harry Jackson, Thomas Savory, Charles Sears Junr.
 Nathl. Shuttleworth, Alfred Wood, Jonathan Cobb
 Thomas Soule, Wharol Reed, John Shaw
 Stephen Woodcock, Cyrus White, Hugh Montgomery
 Capt. Silvanus Parvis, Thomas Washburn, Ezra McGully
 Manasch Robbins, Nathl. Bump, Daniel Cobb
 George Wood, Ebenezer Eddy, Ebenezer Hayford
 William Wells, John Barden, Capt. Daniel Smith
 Thomas Clark, John Bent, Edward Cole
 Josiah Barrows, Ebenezer Tinkham, Jonathan Leonard
 Capt. Samuel Thompson, Nathan Shearman, Ephraim Thompson
 Allen Raymond, Ezra Matham, John C. Standish

Surveyors of Lumber

David Tinkham, James Brown, Abiel P. Booth
 Martin Keith, John W. Clark, James Sparat
 Bela Kingman, Seth Eaton, and E. Chant. Perkins Esq.

Towns Viewers & Field Drivers

Joshua Eddy Junr. Esq., Joseph Jackson, Andrew Webster
 Nathl. Macomber, Thomas Clark, Samuel Peier
 Daniel Smith Junr., Jacobson Pratt, Leonard Jones
 Capt. Daniel Smith, Selas Thomas, Ezechiel Turner
 John Perry, Selas Perkins, Stephen Hartness
 Jacobson, E. Cady, Noah Ashley Junr., Capt. Ethan Pierce
 Thomas Washburn, Saml. Miller Junr., Daniel Warren
 Josiah Harland, Samuel Cole &c.

Hythenomen

Manasch Robbins, Humphrey Allen, Solomon White
 Sathrop Lewis, John Carver, Andrew McGully
 Nathl. Tinkham, Capt. Wm. Potter, Edward Cole
 Ebenezer Waterman, Daniel Savory, Abner Clark
 Noah Ashley Junr.

1822

March 1st

Annual March Meeting Continued

Hogreew

Joseph Barden, Noah Clark Esq., Nathaniel Reed
 Caleb Allen, Israel Richmond, Jacob Bennett
 Manasch Wetherell, Seth Martin, Keith Bapette
 Jonathan Paine, Allen Richmond, Amos Raymond
 Joseph Jackson, Jonathan Leonard, Paul Hathaway
 Jacob Bennett Esq., Calvin Tibben, Saml. Reed

Horse-reew

Manasch Robbins, Thos. Booth, Joseph Reed
 Enoch Drake

James M. Leonard Town & School Agents

Alfred Sade N. 1	George Shaw N. 18
Micha Leonard " 2	Joseph Bennett " 19
Joshua Wanders " 3	Elisha Richmond " 20
Thomas Weston Esq. " 4	Bela Kingman " 21
Burford Hartness " 5	Jeremiah Tinkham " 22
Capt. Nelson Wood " 6	Capt. Simeon Washburn " 23
William Shaw Junr. " 7	Ephraim Seach " 24
Sathrop Thomas " 8	George Williams " 26
Winstan Thomas " 9	Nelas Briggs " 27
Asa Benson " 10	Abiel P. Booth " 28
William Wood " 11	Caleb Tinkham " 30
Richard Clark " 12	Capt. Daniel Smith " 31
Isaac Cushman " 13	Abner Keith " 32
May. Baranck Harland " 14	Barnabas Eaton " 33
Joseph Standish " 15	Sathrop Lewis " 25
Peter Vaughan " 16	Noah Ashley Junr. " 29
Charles Hooper Esq. " 17	Jacob Bennett Esq. " 35
	Joshua Washburn Junr.

Committee to settle with the Treasurer

At 3rd Meeting to choose a Committee of three to settle
 accounts between the Town and their Treasurer and report to
 the Town a State of the Treasury

William Baynard Esq. } The
 Capt. Peter H. Pierce } Committee
 Seth Miller Junr. Esq. }

1822

Annual March Meeting for 1822 Continued

March 23^d At S. Meeting Voted to raise on the rateable Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of \$2000000 in deliberating at the sum of three thousand Dollars for the Express purpose of amending and repairing the Highways and Bridges in S. Town the present year.

Assessment to be made and Roll Committed with warrant according to Law to the several Surveyors of Highways and to be expended in the same manner as was the last year.

At S. Meeting Voted and made choice of the following persons Inspectors of the Alewife fish the ensuing season at the expense of the Purchasers - viz Capt. Abner Barrows Jacob Barrows and Seth Eaton Jun^r Esq.

Capt. Elias Briggs Chosen Inspector of the Alewife fish at Spawambosc Brook to Inspect when its not fishing days at the expense of the Town.

At S. Meeting Voted to allow their Treasurer for receiving in and paying out the Towns money for the year ending March 1822 the sum of Eighteen Dollars for that service.

At said Meeting Voted to Sell at Public Auction the Collection of the public Money to be raised in said Town the present year to the lowest Bidder.

Capt. Isaac Stevens Chosen Auctioneer to dispose of said Collection.

And Samuel Miller Wood being the lowest Bidder the said Auctioneer declared the Collection of said money to be sold to him the said Wood for one and three eighths of one cent on the sum which said Wood has to collect for S. Town.

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of Obadiah Sampson and Edward Cole as Bondsmen for the faithful performance of the said Samuel M. Wood to S. Town.

At S. Meeting Voted and accepted of a report of the Selectmen in paying out a further highway and petition Isaac Soule and others.

At S. Meeting Voted that Nathl. Cutler shall be at Large on the Highways & Commons the present year.

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Annual March Meeting Continued

March 23^d

Committee to deal and Survey

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of seven to deal out hering to such poor persons as they in their opinion shall think are entitled to receive Alewives gratis from the Town and by Vote made choice of the following Gentl^{men} viz

Levi Pierce Esq.
 Esq. Isaac Pratt
 Esq. Samuel Cobb
 Esq. Roger Clark
 Esq. Thos. Moulton
 Esq. Hugh Montgomery
 Esq. Simon Backus

The
 Committee

At S. Meeting Voted that no orders for hering shall be given to the poor unless S. Orders are signed by a Majority of the Committee.

At S. Meeting Voted that the request of William E. Gibbs and others desirous of being set off from School District N^o 35 into a Separate District by themselves be referred to the Selectmen of S. Town and make report of their doings at the adjournment of this meeting also.

Voted that the request of David Caswell and others desirous of being set off from School District N^o 35 and annexed to School District N^o 36 be referred to the Selectmen and to report their doings on the subject at the adjournment of this meeting.

At S. Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of three to take into consideration the application of Southern Methodist and others relative to a highway lately located over their land and report at the adjournment of this meeting and by Vote made choice of the following Gentl^{men}

William Wood
 Abel Washburn
 William Barre Esq.

The
 Committee

At S. Meeting Voted that the several Surveyors of Highways make returns of their doings to the assessor according to Law and in case of their neglect so to do the Assessor to prosecute such delinquent Surveyors and also voted that the Assessor be directed to make out their warrants to the Surveyors according to Law.

1822 Annual March Meeting continued

North's 3rd City S. Meeting voted to choose a School Committee to consist of eleven whose duty it shall be to visit the School in each School District to examine into their order and performance and by vote made choice of the following Gentlmen

Lebanah Eddy Esq.
Thomas Weston Esq.
Maj^r Branch Hartlow
Lt. Tho^s Murtoworth
Martin Keith Esq.
Wilkes Wood Esq.
M^r Bela Kingman
M^r Samuel Miller Junr.
M^r Ephraim Seachy
Ebenezer Pickens Esq.
M^r Oliver Pierce.

The School
Committee

Then by vote adjourned S. meeting to next Town Meeting
2 O'clock P. M. Wmth L. S. Tillson, Town Clerk

1822 Annual March Meeting for 1822 by adjournment.

April 11th The annual March Meeting for 1822, having been duly adjourned to Monday April 11th 1822, was then taken up adjournment

& the following business done. Isaac Stewens Mod^r

voted & excused Edward Cole from serving as Tithing-man & chose Elijah Alden jr in his place

Excused Cephas Thompson Sen. of H. Ways and made choice of Jacob Thompson in his place.

Excused Andrew McCall Tithingman and chose Ephraim Seach in his place

Excused Thomas Soule Surveyor of H. Ways & chose Francis Atwood

1822 Annual Mar. Meeting continued (by adj.)

April 11th at S. Meeting voted & excused Martin Keith Esq. from serving on School Committee & chose William Nelson.

voted & chose Samuel Pickens Esq. an agent for taking alms at Audubon Brook the present year.

voted to choose a Committee of Survey to receive claims & allow accounts against the Town, & made choice of

Gen^l Abel Washburn
Lech^h Eddy Esq.
Earl Sears
Seri Pierce Esq.
Capt Seth Southworth
Simon Bachus
William Nelson

For said
Committee
for the year 1822

At said Meeting voted to add a Constable to the number already chosen & by vote made choice of Job Lucas Constable.

voted to choose some person to take care of the Town House & to keep the Key of said House, & made choice of Maj^r Nath. Wilder for that purpose.

voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen on the petition of David Caswell & others, praying to be set off from School District N^o 24 & annexed to S. District N^o 35; which Report is as follows, to wit, "that it is expedient to grant the prayer of said Petition, and that all that part of the said District N^o 24, which lies on the westerly side of the Turnpike be set off from said District N^o 24 & annexed to District N^o 35." all which is respectfully submitted.

Signed Seth Eaton Jr. Selectmen
Seth Miller
Enoch Haskin, M^r S. Colborn

and then voted that the limits of the Districts afores^d be altered in conformity to the above Report

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1822 Annual March Meeting (by Adj. Contn.)

April 1. Chose Joseph Biscoe & Ephraim Daggett
inspectors of the Fishery at the expense of the purchasers
Voted to choose an additional Field Driver & made choice of
Ebeneser Smith.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was
was referred the Petition of Luther Muddock & others, which
petition, Report & papers accompanying the same are on file.

Voted to choose an agent to construct for & superintend the
building of an abutment of a Bridge on the Westly side
of the River at Tucker's works & made choice of Luther
Muddock for said Agent with instructions to render
the building of said Abutment.

Then voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next Town
Meeting at two O'Clock P. M.

At the above Meeting Capt Silvanus Tilton at that
time Town Clerk attended & took minutes of the
above votes, but did not record the same before his
Death, & the same were recorded after the election
of a new Clerk on the 8th May 1822.

A true Copy of the minutes

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1822 Jurymen for April Court of the year

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro
held April 1. 1822. Capt Seth Southworth & Ebenezer Pickens

were drawn to serve on the Grand Jury of S. C. P. for the year, &
Asa Barrows & Capt Greenleaf Pratt to serve on the
Petit Jury at Court to be holden on the second Monday of
April instant. A true copy from the Minutes of
Capt S. Tilton. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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1822 Governor & St. Governor & Senators

April 1. At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of
Middleborough, held on Monday the 5th day of
April 1822, for the purpose of giving their votes
for Governor & St. Governor of this Commonwealth, &
two Senators for the District of Plymouth, the votes
given in were as follows, to wit.

His Excellency John Brooks had	176	for Governor
Honourable William Eustis "	287	
Honourable William Phillips "	175	for St. Governor
Honourable Levi Lincoln "	288	
Benjamin Ellis Esq "	307	for Senators
Reverend Joseph Richardson "	288	
Cushing Otis Esq "	175	
Nathaniel M. Davis Esq "	156	

A true from the Minutes of Silas Tilton then
Clerk of said Town. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1822 Town Meeting April 1st 1822

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro
held April 1st 1822 for business inserted in Warrant
Isaac Stevens Moderator
Voted to choose an agent to take care of an Indictment
against the Town for libelous relation to a High Way leading
from the new Bridge over the Great River to the House
of Cephas Thompson to the House of Thomas Washburn
called the Lexington Road & made choice of Isaac Stevens
for said Agent.

At said Meeting voted that said Agent be directed to
petition the Court of Sessions for a discontinuance of
that part of the Road now indicted which lies between
the said House of Cephas Thompson & the House
of Thomas Washburn &c.

turn over

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1822 April Meeting continued.

April 1st At said meeting voted that the Surveyor of High Ways in the District by Capt. Livingston be directed to lay out one half of the tax which shall be assessed on said District the present year, on that part of the Road lately laid out, which between the new Bridge & the House owned by Joseph Thompson & that the Town appropriate a sum equal to one half of the tax of said District on the same part of said Road & made choice of Capt. Thomas Livingston as agent to expend the money so appropriated on said Road.

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to settle the action of Capt. Greenleaf Pratt against the Town.

Voted for County Treasurer & Rep. John Lott Esq. has the duty.

Then voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town Meeting at one o'clock P. M.

Taken from the Capt. S. Tilton then Town Clerk.

By Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1822 Jury men for S. J. Court.

May 8th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro' May 8th 1822 William Bourne Esq. & Debedee Cobb were drawn out of the Box as the Law directs as Grand Jurors, & Seth Eaton Jr Esq. & Thomas Sprout as traverse Jurors at S. J. Court to be holden at Plymouth on the second Tuesday of May instant. Attest Isaac Stevens T. Clerk.

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1822 Annual March Meeting by adjournment

May 8th At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro' holden May 8th 1822 by adjournment from March 4th 1822 Isaac Stevens Moderator

The Town Clerk Capt. Silvanus Tilton having died since the last adjournment of this meeting, the meeting then proceeded to the election of a Clerk for the remainder part of the year, by ballot.

And Isaac Stevens was elected Town Clerk & sworn by Seth Miller Jr Esq. whereupon the said Stevens resumed the office of Moderator &

Seth Miller Jr Esq. was chosen Moderator

The said meeting then, by ballot, elected M. Levi

Tinkham for Treasurer to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Death of Captain Silvanus Tilton.

Voted that the Report of the Selectmen uttering a straitening a Road near Joseph Thompson's be postponed to a further adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to discharge all former Committees chosen to settle with the Treasurer, &

Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with the Administrator of Capt. Silvanus Tilton late Treasurer of said Town, with authority & directions to transfer all money notes, books & papers belonging to the Treasury of said Town to M. Levi Tinkham the Treasurer, this day elected, & made choice of

Alfred Washburn } for said
Seri Peirce and } Committee
Gam. P. Rounsville Esq.

And then by vote adjourned this meeting to the next Town Meeting, at one o'clock P. M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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1822. April Meeting by adjournment

May 8. The annual April Meeting having been duly adjourned to May 8th 1822 was then taken up

Thomas Weston Esq. Mod^r

1. Voted to raise by Tax on the rateable Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, the sum of Three Thousand & Five Hundred Dollars for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges and expenses arising in said Town the present year; the apportionment to be made, the Bills committed to the Collector & the Money paid into the Treasury at the same times as the last year.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to make Sale of the Powder belonging to the Town, reserving enough to supply the Militia of said Town at the next Review. And then by vote adjourned this Meeting to the next Town Meeting at one o'clock P. M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1822. Representative to the General Court

May 8th. At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, holden May 8th 1822 for the purpose of electing one or more Representatives to the next General Court.

1. Voted to elect one Representative & no more.

And, by ballot, made choice of Martin Smith Esquire who immediately refused to accept the office.

And the Town then, by ballot, made choice of

Yeth Miller Jun^r Esquire for their Representative who accepted of said office. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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Town Meeting May 8th 1822.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleborough holden May 8th 1822 for business inserted in warrant on file.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator

1. Voted to petition the General Court to prohibit the location or use of any seine or Drag net for the purpose of taking Shark or alewives within one Hundred Rods of the Dam lately erected across Taunton Great River at a place called King's Bridge; & then Voted to authorize & instruct Seth Miller Jr Esquire our Representative to carry the above vote into effect in behalf of the Town.

2. Voted to choose a Committee of Six Persons to assist the Selectmen in raising the Jury Box of said Town & made choice of

Conrad Abiel Washburn

Edw. P. H. Pierce

Cam^r & Boarsville

Martin Smith Esq

Capt. Seth Southworth &

Oliver Pierce

for said

Committee

And then by vote adjourned this Meeting to the next Town Meeting at two o'clock P. M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1822 Town Meeting May 9th 1822 adjournment
 April 1. At a legal meeting of the selectmen of
 Middlebury held May 9th 1822 being continued
 by adjournment to April 1st 1822.

Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 voted to accept the Report of the committee
 appointed to settle with Haden Hiram Esq. for
 the loss of his Horse by falling through the
 Bridge at Pratt's Dam. which Report is in
 substance, that they have paid him fifty
 seven Dollars & fifty cents, by drawing an order
 on the Treasurer for that sum
 and then by vote dissolved said Meeting.

Taken from the minutes of Capt. S. Titcomb
 By Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

At a meeting held at the Town Clerk's office July 25th
 1822, Isaac Pratt & John Fickham Esquires were drawn
 out of the jury box according to law to serve on the jury
 of Trial at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at
 Plymouth on the second Monday of August next
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1822 Annual March Meeting by adjournment.
 Sept. 16th The annual March Meeting of 1822 having
 been duly adjourned to Sept. 16th 1822, was then taken
 up; Seth Miller Jr Esq. Moderator,
 and adjourned to the next Town Meeting to be
 holden at the Town House at two o'clock P.M.

Attest Seth Miller Town Clerk.

1822. The annual April Meeting of 1822
 Sept. 16. having been duly adjourned to Monday
 September 16th 1822 was then taken up
 Thomas Weston Esq. Moderator
 and the following business done,

voted, that the vote passed at this meeting on the 1st day
 of April 1822, expressed in the following words, viz, "that
 the Surveyor of Highways in the district by Capt. Bowington
 be directed to lay out one half of the Tax which shall
 be assessed on said district the present year, on that part of
 the Road lately laid out which lies between the new Bridge
 & the House owned by Ephraim Thompson, & that the Town
 appropriate a sum equal to one half of the Tax of said
 district, on the same part of said Road, & made
 choice of Capt. Thomas Bowington as Agent to expend the
 money so appropriated, on said Road", he reconsidered &
 annulled so far as the same relates to the appropriation
 of the Town's money, & to the appointment of Captain
 Bowington to expend the same.
 and then by vote dissolved said Meeting.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1822 The Legal Meeting holden May 8th 1822
 Sept. 16. having been duly adjourned to Monday Sept.
 16th 1822, was then taken up.

Thomas Weston Esquire Moderator
 and the following business done.

voted, To approve & accept the doings of the Select-
 men & committee in raising the jury box of said
 Town, the report of which is on file & then voted
 to dissolve this meeting Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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1822 Annual Fall Meeting for 1822

Sept 16 Plymouth. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough who are qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the sixteenth day of September instant at one of the clocks in the afternoon to act on the following business (viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2^d To make a contract with some person or persons for the support & maintenance of all the paupers which shall belong to said Town for one year, commencing on the second Monday of April next, by selling the same at public auction or otherwise as the Town shall think proper.
- 3^d To dispose of the privilege of taking the alvaine fish at the several fishing places assigned by Law the year ensuing, either by selling the same at public auction, or by choosing agents to take the same & return the net proceeds thereof into the Treasury, & act any thing therein they shall then see cause.
- 4th To choose a committee to see that the alvaine fish have a sufficient passage way up the stream & dams thro which they have to pass the year ensuing.
- 5th To choose a committee or an agent to make a settlement between Town & Des. Jos. Clark & Joseph Clark & Samuel Harlow, and give such

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1822 Annual Fall Meeting Continued

Sept 16. instructions relative to prosecuting the demands of said Town against the said Clarks & Harlow or either of them, as the Town shall see cause.

6th To determine what said Town will do respecting an Indictment against said Town for suffering that part of the Road leading from Freedom Turnpike to ^{to this town? Town} ~~to this town?~~ to be out of repair, to choose an agent to answer said Indictment, or appropriate a sum of money sufficient to repair said road, & do anything in relation to the same as the Town shall see cause.

7th To determine what said Town will do relative to making the Road from the Newbridge over the Great River to the Dwelling House of Walter Howard & adopt any measures for making the same which said Town shall think proper.

Hereof I do not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at or before the said Time of Meeting. Given under our hands & Seal this twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty two.

Seth Eaton }
Saml Thompson }
Abner Clark }
Enoch Tharling }
Selectmen
of
Middleboro

Sept. 14. 1822 Pursuant to the within written Warrant I have summoned & notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as within expressed, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel M. Wood Constable

A true Copy of Warrant & officers return thereon
Attest Seth Eaton Town Clerk

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1822 Meeting for Representative to Congress One
 Nov. 4th Plymouth ss. October 12th 1822, By virtue of this
 warrant, I have notified the inhabitants to meet
 as within directed by posting up notifications in the
 several meeting houses in said Middleborough.
 Signed Joseph Jackson Constable of Middleb.
 Copy of Warrant of Return West S. Stearns Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of Middleborough at a legal
 meeting holden in pursuance of the foregoing warrant,
 came in their votes for a Representative of Plymouth
 District in the next Congress of U. States, which were
 were sorted, counted, declaration thereof made & sealed
 up according to Law in open Town meeting & more for
 the following persons as follows, viz,

For Hon. Warren Hobart 216 votes
 " Hon. Lushing Otis 77 votes.

Attest West S. Stearns Town Clerk

1822 Town Meeting November 4th 1822
 Nov. 4th Plymouth ss. To Liba Eaton Constables of the
 Warrant. Town of Middleborough in said County of
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
 you are hereby required to notify & advise all the inhabi-
 tants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town
 affairs, to assemble and meet together at their Town
 house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of
 November next at two of the clock in the afternoon,
 to act on the following business, to wit:
 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
 2^d To determine what said Town will do relative to
 an indictment found at C. C. Piers for suffering the Road
 leading from the house of David Alden to the Road
 leading to the house of David Richmond to be out of
 repair & act thereon as they shall see cause.

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1822 Town Meeting Nov. 4. 1822. Continued
 Nov. 4th To determine what said Town will do relative to
 accepting the Bad money found in the possession of Capt
 Silas Pilsen their late Treasurer, towards payment of the
 demand of said Town against his estate, & act thereon
 as they shall see cause.
 1st To determine what instructions said Town will give
 their Selectmen relative to presenting the Bondsman of
 the late Guardian of Isaac Nathamany, in order to incoming
 said Town for his support & act thereon as they shall see
 cause.
 Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant
 with your doings thereon. Given under our hands & seal,
 October fourteenth in the year Eighteen hundred & twenty two.
 Signed Oliver Clark
 Seth Miller Jr. } Selectmen of
 Saml. Thompson } Middleborough
 Erich Haskins }

Return Middleboro October 26th 1822, Pursuant to the within
 warrant I summoned & notified the within named Inhab-
 itants to assemble & meet together as within directed by posting up
 notifications at the several meeting Houses in said Town
 Signed Liba Eaton Constable of Middleboro
 The Inhabitants of Middleborough at a legal meeting holden
 Nov. 4. 1822, in pursuance of the foregoing warrant,
 1st To choose an agent to put the Road leading from the
 Dwelling House of David Alden to the Road leading to the
 Dwelling house of David Richmond in repair, with instruc-
 tions to call upon the Surveyors for the two last years, of those
 Districts in which said Road lies, if found delinquent.
 I made choice of Seth Eaton for said Agent.
 2^d To appropriate the sum of fifty Dollars of the Town's money
 to be expended by said Agent on said Road
 voted That said Agent exercise his discretion as to the time of
 laying out said sum of money for the best interest of all
 concerned.
 3^d To choose an agent to appear, answer to & take care of
 the indictment respecting the Road of David in Court, &
 made choice of Isaac Stearns for said Agent.
 4th To choose a committee of three to examine into the
 Bad money found in possession of Capt. S. Pilsen, &
 report thereon at adjournment of this meeting, and make
 choice

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1822 Town Meeting Nov. 1st 1822. and
Nov. 1st made choice of Jeremiah Stannard
Milnes Wood &
Lech. Eddy Esquires
for said Committee.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to inquire into the
propriety of prosecuting the Warden of the late
Guardian of Isaac Hathaway, with instructions to
report a statement of facts at adj. of this meeting
and made choice of Lech. Eddy Esquire
M. Abner Clark &
Genl. Will Washburn for Committee
And then by vote adj. this meeting to the next Town
meeting to be holden at the Town House at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest John Stannard Town Clerk.

1822 The annual March meeting for 1822 having been
Nov. 1st duly adjourned to Monday Nov. 1st 1822 was then
taken up & by vote adj. to the next Town meeting
to be holden at the Town House at 2 o'clock P.M.
Seth Miller Jun. Esq. being Moderator
Attest John Stannard Town Clerk.

1822 Nov. 1st The Fall meeting for 1822, having been duly adjourned
to Monday Nov. 1st 1822, was then taken up
Seth Miller Jun. Esq. Moderator
And by vote adj. to the next Town meeting which shall
be held at the Town House at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest John Stannard Town Clerk.

1822 Nov. 1st A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro
at their Town House Nov. 1st 1822,
William Canedy Esq. & John Strobbridge were
drawn out of the Jury Box according to Law to
serve on the Jury of Trials at the Court of Common
Pleas to be holden at Plymouth on the third Monday
of November instant.
Attest John Stannard Town Clerk.

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1822 Dec. 2nd Town Meeting, In division of the Town

Warrant. Plymouth. To any Constable of the Town
of Middleborough in said County

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts, you are required to notify and warn all
the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified
by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble
& meet together at their Town House in said Town
on Monday the second day of December next
at one of the clocks in the afternoon, to act on the
following business viz)

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
2^d To determine what said Town will do relative

to a citation from the Circuit Court, on the
petition of Zephaniah Thayer & others, praying
for the incorporation of a part of said Town
of Middleborough & a part of the Town of
Bridgewater into a separate Town, & pass
any votes and adopt any measures in relation
to said Petition as said Town shall then deem
advisable & proper.

Witness my hand & make due return of this
warrant & of your doings therein on or before
the said time of meeting. Given under our hands
& seal at Middleboro' this eleventh day of
November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & Twenty two.

Signed Seth Miller Jr } Selectmen
Saml. Thompson } of
Abner Clark } Middleboro

Return Plymouth, Nov. 16th 1822, By virtue of this
warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of
Middleboro' to meet as within directed by posting
up

1822 Town Meeting in Division of the Town Contd.

Dec. 2^d up, notification in the several meeting houses in said Town of Middletown as the Town directs. Signed Joseph Jackson Constable of Midd.

Goings The Inhabitants of Middletown at a legal Meeting holden Dec. 2. 1822 pursuant to the foregoing, made choice of Seth Miller Jr Esq. Mod.
 Voted, That the Town do oppose the prayer of the petition of Zephaniah Shaw & others for a new Town, and the House being divided to ascertain the numbers for & against said vote, there were two hundred & eight persons in favour of said vote & thirty five persons against it.

Voted, That two Agents be chosen to attend the General Court, at the time when the citation on said petition is returnable, & there, in the name of the Town, to use all suitable and proper measures, in opposition to the prayer of said petition: & made choice of Hon. Wilkes Wood & Thomas Weston for said Agents.

Voted, To choose a Committee of five persons to prepare & present to the General Court a Remonstrance against the prayer of said Petition; and made choice of William Bourne, Isaac Stevens, Joseph Jackson, Abel Washburn & Peter H. Pierce Esquires for said Committee.

Voted, To instruct Seth Miller Jun. Esq. the Representative in the General Court of this Town to use his best exertions in opposition to the prayer of said petition. & then

Voted, to dissolve said meeting.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1822 Annual Fall Meeting for 1822. Con.

Dec 2^d The annual fall meeting having been duly adjourned from Sept. 16th 1822 to Dec. 2. 1822 was then taken up Seth Miller Esq. Mod.

Noted to proceed to sell the privilege of taking the Alewife fish, at this time, under the conditions prescribed in the former vote.

Voted, That the purchasers of the fish shall sell said fish at forty ~~two~~ cents by the hundred.

Voted, That the purchasers of the fish shall make their payments to the Town Treasurer on the first day of June next, in cash or good notes, except so much thereof, as the purchasers may have paid in fish delivered to poor persons by order of the Town & such sum as the Town shall pay for impounding the River.

Voted & chose Levi Pierce Esq. Vendor master to sell fish. And the Milling Mill privilege was sold to Col.

Peter H. Pierce for the sum of two hundred & sixty five Dollars, who procured Seth Eaton & Esq. & Benjamin

Pierce to become his Bondsmen who were accepted. The Old Stone Ware privilege was sold to Benjamin Pierce for two hundred & five Dollars. & P. H. Pierce & Seth Eaton & were accepted as his Bondsmen.

The privilege at assawampset Brook was sold to Amos Washburn Esq. for Fifty Seven Dollars & Lemuel Briggs was accepted as his security.

Noted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at 2 P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1822 The annual March Meeting for 1822 having been duly adjourned to Dec. 2. 1822 was then taken up Seth Miller Esq. Mod. & adj. to next Town Meeting at 2 P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1822 A Town meeting holden Nov. 4th 1822 was, this day, taken up agreeably to adj. Thomas Weston Mod. & adj. to next T. Meeting at 1 P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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Annual March Meeting for 1823.

Warrant
Plymouth ss. No either of the Constables of
the Town of Middleborough in County of Dukes Greeting..

{S.S.} In the name of the Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify
 and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town who
 are qualified by Law to vote in the choice of
 Town Officers, To be all the Inhabitants of said
 Town who are qualified by Law to vote in other
 Town affairs, to assemble and meet together at
 their Town House in said Town on Monday
 the third day of March next at eleven o'clock
 in the forenoon, to act on the following business
 viz

- 1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2^d To choose all Town officers, required by Law to be chosen in the month of March or April annually -
- 3^d To raise such sum of money as said Town shall think expedient for the purpose of amending & repairing the Highways and Bridges the said Town the present year, and direct the manner in which the money so raised shall be expended.
- 4th To choose a committee to inspect the alvian fishery in said Town the ensuing year, and allow them such compensation for their services as the Town shall see cause.
- 5th To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer & report the state of the Treasury -
- 6th To allow their Treasurer such sum of money as they shall think proper for his services, for the year ending in March 1823.
- 7th To determine what method said Town will adopt to collect the public money to be assessed in said Town this present year, & act thereon as they shall see cause.
- 8th To appoint a committee to receive, examine and allow accounts against the Town if they shall think proper.

Annual March Meeting for 1823 continued

- 9th. To approve and allow, the dainings of the select men in laying out or altering any road or roads within said Town the present year, and act any thing therein as they shall see cause.
- 10th. To receive and allow the accounts of any persons against said Town and order payment if they shall see cause.
- 11th. To determine whether some shall be allowed to run at large within said Town, the present year, ranged & yoked according to Law.
- 12th. To determine whether said Town will allow next cattle to run at large on the highways and common, the present year.
- 13th. To appoint a committee to deal out hearings to such poor persons as in their opinion ought to receive their grants from the Town, if they shall see cause.
- 14th. To choose some person to keep the Town Pound.
- 15th. To choose some person to have the care of the Town House, if they shall see cause.
- 16th. To hear the request of ~~John~~ ^{John} ~~Smith~~ ^{Smith} Bisbee & others, requesting some compensation or allowance from the Town for the children at the poor house & going to school in School District No. 16 in said Town & act thereon as they shall see cause.

Thereof fail not and make due return of this warrant
and of your doings herein on or before the said time
of meeting.

Spizemaster are heard, & sent at Middleborough
the tenth days of February in the year Eighteen
hundred & twenty three.

Signed Saml. Thompson }
Enoch Washburn } Selectman
Abner Clark } of
Hillsdale Co.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro according to Law - as within directed.

Annual March Meeting for 1823 continued

The Inhabitants of Middleborough at a legal meeting held pursuant to the foregoing warrant on the third day of March 1823. Chose Doct. Isaac Thompson Moderator.

The following Gentlemen were duly elected to the several Offices herein mentioned, for the year ensuing, viz Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

Capt Samuel Thompson

Seth Miller Jr Esq

Capt. Enock Washburn

Abner Clark Esq

Seth Eaton Esq

Selectmen

Peri Vinkham Treasurer

Constables

Qarius Miller, Rufus Allen Junr, Abel P. Booth, Luke Reed, Harry Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Joseph Clark, William Cornish Junr, Eli Stearns, Abisha J. Clark.

Surgeons of Highways

Nathaniel Stearns, William Curtis, Nathaniel Rider, Andrew Thomas, Stephen Harlow, Greenleaf Pratt, Linus Washburn, Solomon Eaton, Henry Fisher, Joseph Leonard, Joshua Eddy Junr, Abel Wilson, Seth Southworth, Andrew Cobb, Carl Sears Junr, Ely Thomas, Wm. William Shaw Junr, Eliab Wood, Jonathan Cobb, Isaac Soule, Schabed Reed, Joseph Bump, Elisha Richmond, George Montgomery, Silvanus Davis, Thomas Washburn, Ezra McCall.

Annual March Meeting for 1823 continued.

Surveyors of Highways continued

Jacob Barrow, Nathaniel Bump, Daniel Cobb, Andrew Tucker, Joseph Clark Esq, Zebulon L. Lundy, David A. Vary, Thomas Wood, Richard Foster, William Bourne, Oliver Shaw, Jacob Alden, Asa Barrow, George S. Vinkham, Jonathan Leonard, Cassius Fuller, Nathan Shearman, Thomas Lexington, Alden Raymond, Thomas Chamberlain, John C. Standish.

Inspectors of Marine Fishery

Abner Barrow, Peter H. Pierce, Seth Eaton, Jacob Barrow, Joseph Birker, Benjamin Pierce, Amos Washburn, John H. Pierce.

Committee to settle with the Treasurer

Abel Washburn, William Bourne & Peter H. Pierce Esqs

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next at 12 o'clock noon.

Attest Isaac Stearns, Town Clerk

1823 March 3^d. The annual Fall meeting held Sept. 16, 1822, was this day called up pursuant to adj. Seth Miller Esq Moderator & adjourned to the next Town meeting at one o'clock. P. Mrs. S. Stearns, T. Clerk.

1823 March 3^d & 4th. Town meeting held Novemb^r 11, 1822 was this day called up pursuant to adjournment. Thomas Weston Esq Moderator and adjourned to the next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P. Mrs. S. Stearns, T. Clerk.

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Annual March Meeting for 1823 by adj^t

1823 April 7th. The annual March meeting having been duly adjourned to Monday April 7th 1823 was taken up pursuant to adjournment and the following business done. Dr. Asa Thompson Moderator. Town officers elected -

Surveyors of Lumber -

Levi Sinkham & Gamaliel Ransciville,
Carl Sears & Martin Heiste, Elisha Clark &
James Sprout, Bela Shingman, Seth Eaton
Ebenzer Pickens -

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

William Shaw & Joseph Jackson, Andrew Weston,
Nathaniel Macomber, Thomas Clark, Samuel Rider,
Elias Sampson & Rufus Alden & Leonard Elmes,
John Sampson & Silas Thorne, Noah Clark &
Abiel Pierce, Silas Pickens, Stephen Harlow, Abiel
Booth, Noah Ashley & Ethan Pierce, Thomas
Washburn & Samuel Cole, Caleb Alden, Josiah
Harlow, Samuel Cole &

Tythingmen -

Manassah Robbings, Gresham Foster, William Drake
James Phinney, Benjamin Perkins, Ezra McCall,
Nicholas Wood, Otis Thorne, Edward Cole, John
Bent, Samuel Shaw, Abner Clark, Josiah Barker

Horsekeepers -

Thomas Pratt, Abiel Booth, Saml. Baker,
Zenas Paul.

William Banne Esq Pound Keeper -

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Annual March meeting by adjournment.

1823
Apr 7

Hogreves

Samuel Robbings, Sathrop Lewis, Nathl. Reed,
James Warren, Israel Richmond, Jacob Bennett,
Thomas Pratt, Benjamin Flazier, Samuel Baker &
Jonathan Pierce, Allen Richmond, Asa Raymond,
Joseph Jackson, Stephen Burgess & Paul Hathaway,
Isaac Sherman, Calvin Villan, Levi Reed.

School Agents

Thomas Goule, Alden Raymond, Jacob Barrows,
Thomas Weston, Bradford Harlow, Stephen Harlow,
Levi Atwood, Sathrop Thomas, John Bent,
John Benson, William Atwood, Standish Rider,
Elisha Pierce, Edward Sparran, Samuel Smith
Cushman Vaughan, Winslow Hall, John H. Pierce,
Joseph Bumpst, Seth Eaton, Calvin Shaw, Samuel
Miller & Silas Hathaway, Nathaniel Thompson,
George Williams, Henry Pickens, Abiel P. Booth,
John Purish, Daniel Smith, Nathan Bennett,
Zebadiah Leonard, Ebenzer Pickens, Zenas Paul,
Pelham E. Gibby, Thomas Southworth -

Committee on Accounts -

Ebenzer Pickens, Abiel Washburn, Carl Sears,
Levi Pierce, Seth Southworth, Zech. Eddy
William Nelson.

Samuel M. Wood chosen Constable -

Chose Nathaniel Wilder & to take care of the
Town House -

1823
April 7th

Annual March Meeting for 1823 by adjournment.

Inspectors of Alewife Fishery.

Edward Cole, Samuel M. Hackett, Munn Wood 3^d,
Thira Hubbard, Silvanus Barron, to be no expense
to the Town, and Richard Foster was chosen to
inspect at Appanasset Brook at the expense of the
Town - & Samuel Pichon by agent for Quinns Brook.

voted & excused Earl Sears from serving as Surveyor
of Highways & chose Earl Sears in his place.

voted & excused Nath. Rider & Schubert Reed from
serving as Surveyors of Highways & chose Samuel Rider
& Ezekiel Turner in their stead.

voted & reelected all the Surveyors of Highways elected
on the 3^d of March last except those appearing as above,
they not having been notified to take their oaths -

Voted to raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars
apportioned on the ratable polls & estates of the Inhabitants
of said Town for the express purpose of amending &
repairing the Highways & Bridges the present year.
The assessments to be made & bills committed
with warrants requiring the several Surveyors
to return the amount which shall not be washed,
to the assessors to the end that the same may be
assessed in a money Tax according to Law, the work
to be done as the last year.

Voted that the Clerks notify Surveyors of Highways
of their liability to fines for not taking their oaths
in season, & also for not rendering an account to the
assessors according to Law. & that the proper officers
be directed to prosecute for a noncompliance of
the Surveyors in these respects -

Voted to appoint a committee to deal out Herring
to such poor persons as in their opinion ought to
receive them gratis & that the Treasurer allow no
order unless signed by a majority of the committee & chosen
Sami Picher, Sam. Hackett, John Benson, Munn Wood
Olijah Shaw, Hugh Montgomery & Abiel Washburn for
committee Voted to adjourn to the next Town meeting
to be held at the Town House at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest S. Stearns Town Clerk.

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Governor Lt. Governor and Senators &c.

1823
April 7th

Warrant.

Plymouth pt. To either of the constables of
the Town of Middleborough in the County
of Plymouth Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
-sally you are hereby required to notify and warn
all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the
Constitution to vote in the elections of Governor of
this Commonwealth, & also all the Inhabitants of
said qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble
and meet together at their Town House in said
Town on Monday the seventh day of April next
at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act on the
following business, viz,

1st To give in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant
Governor of this Commonwealth and for two
Senators or Councilors for the District of Plymouth
for the year ensuing.

2^d To choose a Moderator to govern the remainder of the
meeting -

3^d To raise such sum of money as said Town shall
think proper for the purpose of defraying the
necessary charges and expenses arising in said Town
the present year, and direct the time when the money
so raised shall be assessed & paid into the Treasury and
act any thing thereon as they shall think expedient -

4th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer -

5th To hear the request of Asa Barron to be set off from
School district No. 13 & annexed to School district
No. 32, & act any thing thereon as the Town shall see
cause.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant
and of your doings thereon on or before the said time
of

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Annual April Meeting for Gov. &c. continued
1823. April 7th 3/4 of meeting. Given under our hands & seal the 5th day of March in the year Eighteen hundred & twenty three.

Signed Seth Eaton
Seth Miller } Selectmen
Saml Thompson }
Enoch Whiting }
Abner Clark } Middleboro.

Return.

Middleborough, April 2^d 1823.
Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the inhabitants of said Town qualified as within expressed to assemble and meet together at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned as within directed.

Signed Daniel Miller Constable of Middleboro.
It a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro holden April 7th 1823 pursuant to the foregoing warrant & Return. The said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor, Lt. Governor & two Senators which were sorted, counted, declared thereof made and sealed up in open Town meeting, & were for the following persons as set against their respective names -

Hon. William East	410	for Governor
Hon. Harrison C. Otis	227	
Hon. Levi Lincoln	408	for Lt Governor
Hon. Daniel Noble	228	
Hon. Seth Sprague	411	for Senators
Rev. Joseph Richardson	411	
Hon. Eusebius Otis	223	
Hon. Nathaniel M. Davis	223	
Jared Whitman Esq	4	
Hon. William Baylies	2	
Hon. William B. Bane	2	

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Annual April Meeting continued.
1823 } At said meeting made choice of
April 7th } Doct. Arden Thompson Moderator
Gave in their votes for County Treasurer & Rossiter Cotton Esq had 13 votes.
Voted to refer the petition of Asa Burrows to the Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting to be holden at the Town House at 2 o'clock.
Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1823 April 7th. A legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro holden Nov. 4th 1822 having been duly adjourned to April 7th 1823 was taken up pursuant to adjournment.
Thomaz Weston Esq. Moderator.
The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the allowing to the Administrator of Capt. S. Tillson late Treasurer of said Town for the Bad money found in his possession, reported a statement of facts, which report was accepted and is on file -
It was then moved & seconded to allow the Admin: of said Tillson's estate thirty two dollars on account of said Bad money, & it was voted in the negative.
The Committee to whom was referred the subject of prosecuting the Bondsmen of the late Guardian of Isaac Hathaway, reported that it is expedient to hold the said Bondsmen to support the said Isaac Hathaway - and it was thereupon voted that the Selectmen be directed to prosecute the Bondsmen of the late Guardian of Isaac Hathaway to indemnify the Town for the expense of his support.
Voted to dissolve this meeting.
Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1822. Annual Fall meeting for 1822 continued.

April 7. The annual Fall meeting for Sept. 11, 1822 having been duly adjourned to April 7, 1823 was taken up - Seth Miller for Moderator

The committee appointed to settle with Joseph Clark, Joseph Clark & Samuel Harlan, reported that they had all accounts between the Town & the said Clarks and made them even; but that they could not effect a settlement of the accounts between the Town and the said Harlan, whereupon it was voted, that the Town offer Mr Harlan to make a reference of all demands in dispute between them, to which Mr Harlan in open Town assented.

It was then voted that the same committee be further instructed to prosecute a settlement with Mr Harlan, & to enter into a Reference, if they cannot agree upon a settlement.

Voted that the further sum of seventy five Dollars be appropriated for the repair of the road leading from Free town furnace to Apsent to be laid out by their agent Abner Clark Esq -

Voted That Abner Clark Esq be the agent of the Town to answer to the Indictment against the Town for suffering the Road aforesaid to be out of Repair.

Voted To adjourn to the next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

1823 April 7th Jurymen for April Court

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro' April 7th 1823. Capt. Eli Atwood & John Barden were appointed Grand Jurymen of the S. C. Ct. for the year & Capt. Elias Subersson & Rust Thompson Petit Jurors for the April Term of said Court by drawing from the jury box according to Law. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

446 Jurymen for S. J. Court.

1823. April 28th. At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro' held April 28th 1823 at the Office of the Town Clerk, William Nelson & Francis Alvord were appointed to serve as Grand Jurors & bymes Washburn & Jacob Burroughs as Traverse Jurors at the S. J. Court to be holden at Plymouth on the second Tuesday of May next, by drawing from the jury box according to Law. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by adjournment. 1823.

1823. April 7th. At the adjournment of the March Meeting for 1823, on Monday April 7th 1823. the following vote was passed. I was omitted from the other Records of said meeting, by mistake.

Voted that the several Surveys of Highways be authorized to remove or take down all incumbrances occasioned by Snow within their respective districts, in the manner that Surveys are authorized to do, in case no Tax were voted by said Town for the purpose of repairing the Highways and Town Ways in said Town the present year. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

1823 Annual March Meeting by adjt

May 17th The annual March Meeting for 1823 have been duly adjourned to Saturday May 17th 1823 and was then called up & the following business done

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer & report the state of the Treasury, which is in the words following viz

The Committee chosen by the Town of Middletown to settle accounts with their Treasurer, having attended that service, report the following statement viz, 1st We find in the hands of the Treasurer

in cash	45.56
2 ^d Due to said Town on notes acct & notes	40.00
Samuel Houshew note Nov 3 rd 1821	81.07
do do do June 1 st 1822	157.00
" " do July 15 th 1822	19.54
" " Note May 6 th 1822	179.66
Abner Barrum note Nov 21 st 1821	74.00
" " " Mar 9 th 1822	160.00
Benj ^d Leonard Note July 16 th 1821	61.25
Abiel Washburn " Nov. 8 th 1821	81.25
Silvanus Barrum note Mar 9 th 1822	2.53
Balance acct James G. Groat Jan 22 ^d 1819	128.00
" " " Abner Barrum 1820	152.00
" " " Seth Gator Esq " 1822	205.00
on a bond Benjamin Pierce " "	265.00
" " Peter H. Pierce " "	57.00
" " Amos Washburn " "	382.87
Balance of acct with Saml ^d Houshew to 2 ^d Monday of Sept 1823	1297.90
from Saml ^d Houshew collector	\$3389.10

1823 Annual March Meeting by adjt

May 17th 3^d Debts due from & to the following persons viz

Note to Alden Washburn	300.00
dated Aug 21 st 1822	457.95
Balance of acct with P. H. Pierce	426.13
" " " Amos Washburn	357.30
" " " Jacob Bennett Esq	24.81
" " " Hazard Tinkham	3.00
" " " John B. Standish	65.00
" " " John Tinkham Esq	1575.94

Leaving a balance in favour of the Town of \$13.22

of which there is reserved for the sales of the first privilege for second year for the purpose of building a new house \$1519.66

Leaving a balance in favour of the Town of \$293.56

Middletown May 16th 1823 Signed Abiel Washburn for town

N.B. Allowance is made for outstanding money -

Noted to sell the collection of all the publick money to be assessed in the Town the current year, at auction to the highest bidder,

Voted & chose David Pierce Esq Auctioneer to sell the same to the highest bidder, thereupon sold to John B. Perkins for being the highest bidder for one & one half per centum on the dollars on all the money which he the said Perkins shall collect this present year, and the said Perkins procure John B. Standish & Stephen Thurlow to become his bondsmen to the Town for the faithful performance of his duty in collecting the publick money aforesaid - who were by votes accepted as bondsmen of said Perkins & noted & chose said Perkins, and of the said Standish & Thurlow

1823 Annual March Meeting by adj.

May 17th

① Voted to allow Levi Tinkham Treasurer of said Town the sum of Eighteen Dollars for his services in that office for the year ending in March 1823.

② Voted, that swine shall not be allowed to run at large in said Town, the present year.

③ Voted, that neat shall not be allowed to run at large in said Town the current year.

④ Voted, to allow school district No. 16 the sum of five dollars in addition to their proportion of school money, the present year, to be laid as other school money, in consequence of the children at the Poor House attending the school in that district.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting to be held at the Town House at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1823 Annual April Meeting by adjournment.

May 17th

The Town Meeting held April 7th 1823 having been duly adjourned to Saturday 17th May 1823, was called by pursuant to adjournment & the following business done A. Thompson Moderator.

① Voted, to raise by Tax on the ratable Polls & estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' the sum of three thousand & five hundred dollars for the express purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses arising in said Town the present year, the same to be apportioned & bills committed to the collector by the first day of August next, the money to be paid into the Treasury as follows, to wit, one half on the first day of January next & the other half thereof on the first day of April next.

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to issue his Execution immediately, in default of payment at the times appointed.

1823 Annual April Meeting by adj.

May 17th

① Voted, that the Treasurer of this Town be instructed to issue his Execution, against Saml. Wood the collector for 1822, for the balance of Tax due from said Wood in thirty days from this time unless the said Wood shall pay to the Treasurer one half of the sum now due from him to the Town on or before that time, and in case the said Wood shall pay one half as aforesaid at the time aforesaid the Treasurer wait thirty days longer for the other half, when he is instructed to issue his Execution unless the whole be paid.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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1823. Annual May Meeting for 1823. continued.

May 17th Voted to oppose the petition of Zephaniah Shaw & others.

Voted to choose an agent to appear at the general court & there use all fair means in opposing the prayer of said petition, & made choice of Wilbur Wood Esq for said Agent.

Voted to choose a committee of five persons to prepare & present to the General Court on in the name & behalf of the Town a memorial against the prayer of said petition; & chose William Baume, Abiel Washburn, Thomas Weston, Joseph Jackson & Peter H. Peirce Esquires for said committee.

Voted, to instruct Isaac Stevens Esq. the Rep. of said Town in the General Court, to use his influence in opposition to the prayer of said petition.

Voted to choose a committee of three persons to put the road mentioned in the warrant in a possible & suitable state of repair so far that purpose said committee to be authorized to contract with some persons or persons to do the same, the expense of ^{which} to be laid before the committee of accounts for allowance; and made choice of Seth Miller for Eli Stearns & John Benson for said committee.

Voted, to instruct said committee to apply to the Selectmen of this to widen said road if in their opinion the interest of the Town will be promoted by widening said Road.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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1823, Jurymen for August Court.

At a legal meeting holden at the office of Isaac Stevens July 31st 1823.

Elisha Tucker and Capnialiel Rouseville were appointed by drawing out of the Jury Box as the Law Directs, to serve as Traverse Jurors at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the second Monday of August. 1823.

Attest Isaac Stevens J. Clerk

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1823 Annual Fall Meeting

Oct. 6th Warrant
Weymouth sp. To any Constable of the

Beal Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting to assemble and meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the sixth day of October next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following business to wit.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
2^d To make a contract with some person or persons for the support and maintenance of all the paupers which shall be chargeable to said Town for the year commencing on the second Monday of April 1824, by selling the same at public auction or otherwise as the Town shall see cause.

3^d To dispose of the privilege of taking the alewife fish at the several fishing places assigned by Law, the year ensuing, either by selling the same at public auction, or allowing agents to take the same and return the profits into the Treasury, and act thereon as they shall see cause.

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1823 Annual Fall Meeting

Oct 7th To choose a Committee to see that the alewife fish have a sufficient passage to and up the stream and (Dam) the year ensuing.

4th To hear the request of Andrew Tucker and others praying for a division of School District 11th in said Town and act thereon as they shall see cause.

5th To see what said Town will do relative to building a bridge on the new road near Precar Joshua Eddy's & act thereon as they shall see cause.

Hereof I did Not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon. Given under our hands and the Eighth day of September A.D. 1823.

Signed Seth Miller } Selectmen
Saml Thompson }
Seth Eaton } Middleboro'

Return Weymouth Sept. 19th 1823, By virtue of the within Warrant, I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of said Town as within mentioned Signed Samuel M. Wood Constable of Middle

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Oct. 6. The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting, pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned, of which the foregoing is a true copy, on Monday October 6. 1823, voted & chose William Barne Esquire Moderator. Voted, to choose a Committee of five persons to make a contract with some person for the support and maintenance of all the paupers which shall be chargeable to said Town for one year from the second Monday of April next: and made choice of Wilkey Wood, Thomas Weston, Seth Eaton, William Barne & William Strubridge for said Committee.

Voted to sell at auction the privilege of taking the alewife fish, under the same conditions as they were sold at the last year, excepting that the purchaser of the privilege at Upper Swamp Brook shall pay the owner of the Land where the fish are taken for the use thereof; which condition are, that the purchaser shall at the expense of inspecting the River, shall sell the fish at forty two cents by the hundred and shall make their payments to the Treasurer on the thirtieth day of June next in cash or good notes, except so much thereof as they shall pay in fish delivered to poor persons by order of the Town, and shall give Bonds with such Sureties as shall be approved by the Town, for the payment thereof.

Then voted to proceed in the sale forthwith, and made of George Nathaniel Wilson auctioneer master,

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And the slitting mill privilege was sold to Lorenzo Wood for three Hundred & sixty Dollars.

The privilege at the old Stone ware was sold to Seth Eaton Esquire for two Hundred & sixty six Dollars & Fifty Cents.

And the privilege at Upper Swamp Brook was sold to Luther Washburn for sixty two Dollars.

Voted and accepted of Capt. Nathaniel Bump and Gamaliel Roundville as Sureties of Lorenzo Wood.

Voted and accepted of Col. Peter H. Pierce & Edward Cole as Sureties of Seth Eaton Esq.

Voted and accepted of Amos Washburn and Samuel Briggs as Sureties of Luther Washburn.

Voted & chose Capt. Amos Barrows, Seth Eaton Esq. & Samuel Briggs a committee to see that the alewives have a sufficient passage May thro' the dams which said fish have to pass the ensuing year.

Voted to divide School district No. 5 in said Town into two school districts, in the following manner, to wit, beginning at the Great River in the division line of the Hopstead farms of Leophas Thompson and Thomas Covington, thence running southerly in the division line of the said Thompson and Covington as far as their land extends, thence in the same range to the southerly line of said district, that part of the district to retain the name of No. 5, to which lies southerly of said line & the district lying easterly of said line to be a new district and called No. 6.

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1823. Annual Fall meeting. Cont.

Oct. 6. Voted that the subject of building the bridge contained in the 1st article of the warrant be referred to the Selectmen to act thereon as they shall see cause.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

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Oct. 6. The annual March meeting for 1823 having been continued by adjournment was this day taken up pursuant to adj^t. (Past A. Thompson Mod.)

The demand of Nathan Williams being presented to the Town for their consideration & allowance, it was voted to refer the consideration of the same to Milne, Wood, Thomas, Weston & Abiel Washburn Esquires a committee to report at the adj^t of this meeting, voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest I. Stearns Town Clerk.

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Oct. 6. The annual April meeting for 1823 was called pursuant to adj^t. (Past A. Thompson Mod.) and by vote adj^d to next Town meeting at 3 o'clock P.M. Attest I. Stearns T. Cler.

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1823. Jurymen for November Court.

At a legal meeting holden at the Office of Isaac Stearns October 30. 1823 Joseph Thompson and Charles Hooper Esquire were appointed as the Law directs by drawing out of the Jury Box, to serve as Traicuse Jurors at the Court of C. Pleas to be holden at Wymouth on the third Monday of November next

Attest I. Stearns Town Clerk

No of School Districts see

Town Meeting April 9th 1821

P. H. Pierce Dist is No 37 See March
Meeting 1830

Dist No 39 is Oliver Leonard's Dist
Meeting May 4th 1833

J. Atwood & B. Hartman Dist is No 36
J. Tucker & C. Thompson Dist is No 5
See Meeting Oct 6th 1823

Dist No 2 = 7 and Blank
See Meeting Sept 20th 1831

Dist No 17 & 34 See Nov 24th 1820

No 10 & 13 See May 13th 1820

No 16 & 17 - 1819 Sept 24th